





Intentionally Untitled June 28, 2023 Rachel Yates

Change is inevitable.

Let's face it, change is an inevitable part of life. No matter how hard we try to cling to the familiar, things are bound to change. And in today's world, with technology advancing at an unprecedented rate, change is happening faster than ever before.

It's no wonder that many of us feel overwhelmed and stressed out by all the changes happening around us. We're bombarded with news stories about political upheaval, climate change, and technological advancements. What if, in the midst of chaos and uncertainty however, there are opportunities for growth and transformation? Every transition comes with its own set of challenges and obstacles, but it's up to us to approach them with a positive attitude and a willingness to adapt. So take a deep breath, trust the journey and have faith that you will emerge from this transition stronger and more resilient. Remember, change is not the enemy - it's simply a chance for us to grow into our best selves.

The Bible reminds us that change is inevitable and necessary for us to reach our full potential. In Proverbs 3:5-6, it reads: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to the Lord, and God will make your paths straight." Trusting in God during times of change can give us the strength and guidance we need to navigate through the transition. By embracing and making the most out of change, we can overcome transition stress and discover new opportunities for personal growth and development. Remember that with every change comes a new beginning, so let us greet it with faith and positivity.

Blah, blah. Could you tell my secret? I used one of those AI Content Generators to write my article. I wondered what it would look like to let a computer generate an inspirational message. I gave it necessary words like transition, change, and stress. I added the Bible and God. I asked for an inspirational tone. Within seconds, it spat out what you read....or skimmed...or maybe didn't even get to this point of the article.

It hit the key points. Change <u>is</u> inevitable, and it's stressful. If we trust God, at some point we also have to trust the journey. At the end of the journey, with faith and positivity, we might find that we've grown into our better selves. All of that rings true.

It's also true that, although efficient, a computer-generated process is a little dry. Flat. You know I'm partial to stories about estate sales, trolleys, slugs on wet sneakers, and car chases. Even putting aside my silliness, we can probably agree that it is the Spirit's spark of creativity and imagination in us that inspires, not a recitation of appropriate words based on computer algorithms.

As we face change in our lives and in the church, it's a good reminder that there is no simple process – no shortcut – for solving our challenges. There's no rote formula for fixing the church, and efficiency shouldn't run roughshod over discernment. Our story is intentionally untitled because we're still writing it through our human experience – as messy as it is. I pray that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, our story will be anything but flat and dry.