

## FINAL NOTE



### The Thread Through Every Transition

As I write, I am preparing to attend the first of many graduations taking place over the next few weeks. Tonight marks an opportunity for a family friend to advance her career in healthcare after earning a certificate as a Med Tech. This will be a time for celebration, but it will hold no personal change for me.

The next one will come with many emotions: pride, celebration, and a sense of nostalgia. This one signals a significant season of change for the graduate, and for me as well. My son will graduate from high school soon. He's worked hard to finish one year early, and while I am incredibly impressed with his work ethic and the discipline he exercised to make this happen, the reality of one less year with him at home stings a bit. He is heading to college out of state this summer. It's a year early for him, and while I know it is God's path for him, it feels like a year early for this mom.

What I am experiencing is nothing new. Millions of mothers before me have walked this same path, and millions after me will too. It's what we want for our children. There is great joy in seeing our children thrive and succeed. Transitions are a normal part of life, and they can only be navigated by simply walking through them. It will be good to look back on this season years from now and reflect on what God has accomplished in both of us. Right now, the way to adjust to my changing role is not yet clear, but I am embracing this path wholeheartedly.

Scripture is filled with stories of transitions. Some are chosen, some obeyed, some forced. The thread through all these pilgrimages is the same: God is present. Looking to him for the steps to take along the way is paramount. Our readings this quarter will highlight some of these faith journeys. There is much wisdom to apply and comfort to receive. I know I will be paying special attention to that thread this season. When it comes down to it, we are all in transition. May God be glorified as we go.

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