

Dear Partners and Friends,

We are so expectant over what God has promised us this year. The Lord said to us that 2018 would be a year of gain, transition, and increase. He then revealed to me that the gain and increase were directly tied to the transition, not only in my and Pastor Michelle's lives personally, but also in the lives of our partners. There were two phrases in the word the Lord gave us that I want to focus on. The Lord said, "…some will transition in ministry, but in the midst of the transition gain will be evident. The transition will not produce loss, but gain. The transition will not produce less, but more."

Look with me at Mark 10:29-30:

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. (Mark 10:29-30)

Now you know this story. A young man had come to Jesus and asked Him how to obtain eternal life. Jesus told him to not kill, commit adultery, etc. The young man explained he had kept all those commandments from his youth. Jesus then instructed him, "...sell what you have (or what he was holding) and give to the poor."

This made the young man sad because he was holding great possessions. Jesus was asking this young man to transition into gain and increase. As much as this young man had, there was more that was available—had he been willing to transition.

Peter then told the Lord, "we have left all and followed you." In other words, we have transitioned. We have left our jobs, our security; we have left everything to follow you. That's when Jesus outlined the reward for being willing to transition. He is saying there is no one who has left (transitioned) all these things and people, that will not receive NOW, IN THIS TIME, AN HUNDREDFOLD.

The Amplified Bible states "...a hundred times as much."

The Easy To Read states "...a hundred times more than they left. Here in this world."

Jesus is saying the transition will not produce less but more; it will not produce loss but gain! Praise God! Whatever God is asking you to do is going to produce more—much more than you currently have, and much more than you have thought about!

### GAIN IN THE TRANSITION

Shout out loud, right now, "GAIN IS MINE!"

Whatever transition you may find yourself in, remember that the challenge, or even the pain of the transition, will be far outweighed by the gain and victory which come as a result of your willingness to transition.

Now Jesus made one other statement in verse 31.

But many that are first shall be last; and the last first. (Mark 10:31)

What does He mean? This simply means this: there will be those people who refuse to transition and they will lose ground. But there are those (you and I), who are willing to transition and we will do nothing but gain, gain, and gain.

I believe this is the year for life-altering harvests to come into our lives. More is coming in Jesus' Name.

Your partnership with this ministry is so appreciated. You are helping us get the Word of God—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—out on every available voice. We are making a difference in the lives of people in places all around the world! Michelle and I love you, and we are believing that, this year, gain is yours!

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