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TOPIC:
BECOMING AN ENABLER OF CHANGE
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Topic: Becoming an Enabler of Change – Pastor Alton Trimble
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A. If our world will change tomorrow, it will be because we each become Enablers of Change.

B. To change your world, you must change.

C. Death is often the womb out of which Enablers of Change are born.

i. Joshua 1:1 (NKJV)

ii. Enablers of Change often move into new areas of responsibility.

Joshua 1:2-4 (NKJV)

iii. Enablers of Change will have new capacity to perform new responsibility.

Joshua 1:5-6 (NKJV)

iv. Enablers of Change must embrace new courage and strength.

Joshua 1:7-9 (NKJV)

KEYS TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE ENABLER OF CHANGE:

1. Being an Enabler of Change requires making choices.

Joshua 1:1-2 (NKJV)

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant. ²Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them – the children of Israel.

Change Truth: When leading in change, always address those who are most affected personally.

2. Enabler of Change understands that change in the nation begins with change in the home.

Bible Parenting Paradigm

- Parents must be Teachers

Deuteronomy 6:7 (NLT)

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

- Parents must be Trainers

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

- Parents must be Providers

II Corinthians 12:14e-f (NLT)

After all, children don't provide for their parents. Rather, parents provide for their children.

- Parents must be Nurturers

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

- Parents must Control

I Timothy 3:4 (NLT)

He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him.

- Parents must Love

I John 4:7 (NLT)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Change Truth: What we see in our home is a reflection of what we will see in the nation.

3. Confidence is required of Enablers of Change.

Joshua 1:3-5 (NKJV)

Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

Change Truth: Enablers of change create an environment where confidence is inspired.

Change Truth: Enablers of Change know that things change but God does not.

4. Enablers of Change build courage.

Joshua 1:6 (NKJV)

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Change Truth: Choice and confidence are inward. It takes courage to take change outward.

5. Enablers of Change live by their convictions.

Joshua 1:7 (NKJV)

Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Change Truth: Quitting is not an option for agent of change.

6. Change works when there is commitment.

Joshua 1:8-9 (NKJV)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Change Truth: Daily habits are the key to lasting change.

7. Change must be communicated.

Joshua 1:10-11 (NKJV)

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, ¹¹Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

Change Truth: The Enabler has changed long before the people are asked to change.

8. Change seldom happens without cooperation.

Joshua 1:12-16 (NKJV)

And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, ¹³‘Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, ‘The LORD your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.’ ¹⁴Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, ¹⁵until the LORD has given your brethren rest, as He gave you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD’s servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise. ¹⁶So they answered Joshua, saying, ‘All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

Change Truth: Getting people to work together is the real evidence of effective change.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the changes that can be made in your home that would strengthen our nation?
 - Please discuss.
2. How would you prioritize the Bible Parenting Paradigm in terms of most needed as it relates to your home?
 - Please discuss and share your reason(s) for prioritization.
 - Select the most important area and discuss a strategy for implementation in your home.

3. Please discuss the importance of confidence in Enabling change!
 - Which of the two “must-knows” in #3 is most needed to raise your confidence as a change Enabler, please discuss and be specific.
4. Discuss how you can create an environment around you that inspires confidence!
 - Please be specific and use this exercise as an opportunity to build real strategy that you will implement.
5. What daily habits can you develop or continue that are key to lasting change?
 - Please discuss with specificity.