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**"TRUSTING GOD IN LIFE'S CHANGES"**

**Gen. 8:22 (NLT); Rom. 8:28 (NLT); Gen. 50:20 (NLT); 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)**

**INSIGHT:** What you know is what gets you through in life.

**INSIGHT:** There's no growth without change, no change without loss, no loss without pain, and no pain without grief.

**QUESTION:** "How do you get through what you're going through?"

**I. LIFE DOESN'T OFTEN MAKE SENSE, BUT GOD IS WITH US AND LOVES US.**

**INSIGHT:** The majority of life questions will have no answer this side of eternity.

Stages in life change:

1. Shock
2. Sorrow

**TRUTH:** You don't get over grief; you get through it.

3. Struggle

**TRUTH:** My life and yours has only Plan A; there is no Plan B.

4. Surrender
5. Sanctification
6. Service

**TRUTH:** The very thing you want to talk about the least is the very thing God wants to use most in your life to help other people, to enlarge your ministry in a lost world.

**II. LIFE CHANGE: ALWAYS A TEST OF FAITH**

**TRUTH:** Change, positive or negative, marriage or divorce, birth or death, graduation or flunking out...is always a test of faith.

\*Foundational verse for life change: 1 Peter 1:7

\*The path through loss and life change:

1. Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5).
2. Listen for His whisper (1 Kings 19).
3. Don't ask "why" but "what" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

**INVITATION:** The greatest mistake often made in loss is we try to go it alone.