




Transition




## Transition:

- ▶ Letting go of the past
  - ▶ Going through an in-between time
  - ▶ Making a new beginning
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Babylonian arrowhead: Jerusalem



## Isaiah 40:1-2 [amended]

Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God. Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her military service has been  
completed, that her sin has been  
paid for, that she has received  
from the LORD's hand double for  
all her sins.



## Isaiah 40:3-4 NIV

A voice of one calling:


“In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

“Every valley shall be raised up, and every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, and the rugged places a plain.”



## Isaiah 40:5 NIV

“And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”








## Isaiah 40:6-8 NIV

A voice says, "Cry out."


And I said, "What shall I say?"

"All the people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the  
flowers of the field. The grass  
wITHERS and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the LORD  
blows on them.



## Isaiah 40:6-8 NIV

“Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers and the flowers  
fall, but the word of our God  
endures forever.”








## Isaiah 40:9 NIV

Zion, bringer of good news, go up on a high mountain.


Jerusalem, bringer of good news, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the mountains of Judah, "Here is your God!"



## Building the road in the desert:

The gap between the old and the new is the time when innovation is most possible and when the organization [or person!] can most easily be revitalized.

(Bridges, Managing Transitions, 9)



## Mark 1:3 NIV

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

