

A LEGACY OFTEN REQUIRES A LIMP

Genesis 32:24-32

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- **NO ONE DISCOVERS WHO THEY ARE BY BEING TOLD.
THE TRUTH IS REVEALED ON LIFE'S TRAIL.**

- **THE PATH TO ULTIMATE CALLING OFTEN REQUIRES PAINFUL TRANSITIONS.**

Preparation
Trials

Marks of a
transition

- Who you are is not “written in the stars.” It is usually written in your scars!

Jacob
wasn't
ready for
Jabbok
until he had
crossed
Esau,
Laban, and
his wives

- We live with two truths:

- 1) We often cannot appreciate blessings/calling without a trial.

- 2) We often are not able to handle our blessings/calling unless prepared through a trial.

- Trials are not just to shape and reveal who we are to us... they remind us who we are to God!

- **DARK NIGHTS PRECEDE BRIGHT DAYS.**

Why This Message?

Over the last few months the Leadership Team has come to the realization that one of our key members has been going through a trial that requires a transition. Because the weight and expectations of ministry have become overwhelming, we have asked Pastor Carl Chica to step down from his pastoral role and to enter a season of healing.

(What this does not mean...)

Key Truth Statements

- **THIS IS NOT BECAUSE OF SIN!**
 - Our church does not cover up sin. We believe “lives lived up front require the truth to be shared up front.”
 - To imply from this meeting that Carl has disqualified himself discredits you and hinders his help.
- **THIS DOES NOT CHANGE CARL’S GIFTING; IT JUST CHANGES THE WAY THAT GIFTING IS USED.**
- **THIS DOES NOT CHANGE LAURA’S CALLING.**
 - Laura will remain on staff in her role as a biblical counselor along with her involvement in our Made to Minister training program.

- **WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?**

- Over the next 9 months we have asked Pastor Carl to:

- 1) Taper off from all areas of leadership required by his paid position at the church
- 2) Take time to get spiritually, mentally and physically healthy
- 3) To find gainful employment outside of the church
- 4) In the future to serve only in the areas of his passion

(We are asking for you...)

1. To pray for he and his family
2. To avoid gossip
3. To pray for wisdom and strength for the leadership team
4. For our church body to heal in a healthy way