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Acts 2:1-3

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



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Your pastor's leaving demonstrates the paradox of the parting and the peace. The parting of a pastor and a people induces sadness, and that is normal. Simultaneously there is also the peace of knowing that God is in control and is equally leading the pastor and the people.

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Your pastor's leaving is a reminder of God's sovereignty and human submission. God's sovereignty tells us that He is in charge of His church. Human submission is appropriate.

Isaiah 45:9

How terrible it will be for those who argue with the God who made them.

They are like a piece of broken pottery among many pieces. The clay does not ask the potter,

'What are you doing?'

The thing that is made doesn't say to its maker,

'You have no hands.'

Your pastor's leaving is a reminder that the work of God is much larger than any man of God. The work of God will continue in a local church in spite of the absence of any single man of God.

Joshua 1:1-9

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ²"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. ³I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Your pastor's leaving is a reminder that pastors are links in a chain. While each link in a chain is important, the real importance of any individual link is the overarching maker of the chain, almighty God, and His plan for His people.

I Corinthians 3:5-9

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

Your pastor's leaving necessitates you staying. Sometimes there is a temptation to leave a church because a particular pastor has left. God's will would be to stay and see the work continue.

John 4:35, 9:4-5 — *the Words of Jesus*

³⁵Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Your pastor's leaving increases the danger of division. Every member of the congregation must take extra care and prayer to maintain unity and harmony during this crucial transition period. Satan desires to destroy the flock; God desires to edify it, and so must you.

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Hebrews 13:17

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Your pastor's leaving means that a new leader is coming. You can trust God that your new pastor will be the right leader at the right time. God's timing is never wrong.

Esther 4:14

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Romans 5:6

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Your pastor's leaving is an opportunity for spiritual growth. Times of transition need to be viewed as golden moments for growth. God is just as concerned with how you are going to handle the situation as He is with the situation itself.

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Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**We are the church the hope of the world and
as Jesus said to Peter "I will build my church
and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it."**

Matthew 16:18