

PARRAMATTERS

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2017

Parramatta Salvation Army



Welcome to family and friends here today to celebrate Arden Mann and witness his dedication.

WORSHIP TODAY

9AM Easy English Worship

10.30AM Family Worship
Join us for Morning Tea after worship, served in the Connect Centre opposite the citadel.

NEXT:

SUNDAY 16 JULY
Worship led by the Sydney Staff Songsters
[see back page for more info]

SUNDAY 23 JULY
Dedication of Elsie Evans Ceremony led by Envoys Randall & Glenda Brown
Worship led by Major Colin Maxwell

SUNDAY 30 JULY
Worship led by Lt Nicola Poore

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLDEN YEARS & LADIES FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017

'the Village Singers'

Everyone is welcome to join us from 10am to 12noon for a great morning of music and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:

'Christmas in July'

Saturday 29th July
Geranium Cottage Dural

3 course set meal. \$40 per person. Everyone welcome!
Bookings with payment by Sunday 16th July.

Please RSVP to Janet Muir

PRAYERPOINTS

We are praying for the Mann family as today they bring their son to be dedicated back to God.



Praying for all the students and teachers, as well as all other staff, that are on school holidays.



Praise God for a great Youth Week of fellowship, service and fun!



Remember to pray for all those in our corps family who are currently suffering from ill health and serious medical conditions.



Pray for the 'Hope Rising' vision: "I see a God-raised, Spirit-filled Army of the 21 Century, convinced of its calling, on its knees rising up and moving forward together into the world of the broken, lonely and lost; reaching them by all means with Jesus' transforming message of freedom, hope and life."



If you would like us to pray for you or your loved ones, contact either **Marty Bust** or **Dot Griffin** for it to be included in the newsletter and Prayer Network.

THE NEUTRAL ZONE

The neutral zone, as defined by William Bridges, is an in-between time, when the old is gone but the new hasn't become fully operational. It's a state of limbo, where it feels there is nothing to hold onto. The old ways don't work anymore, yet the new ways don't feel right, either. Say you recently got promoted to manager at work. The promotion may have already gone into effect, but you don't quite feel comfortable in your new role yet. You can't go back to your old job and the way things were, yet your new position doesn't feel natural, either. You're still feeling your way in the dark – and it's not just because you're learning new skills, knowledge, or approaches. It's because you have shed one identity and have yet to fully take on a new one.

Analogies for the neutral zone abound:

A caterpillar turns into a chrysalis before emerging as a butterfly

The Israelites wandered the desert for 40 years before entering the Promised Land

A trapeze artist must let go of one trapeze, "fly" through the empty space, and then grab hold of the next one

The neutral zone is not a very comfortable place, which is why most of us try to rush through this phase of transition. We just want to get on with things. However, the neutral zone is the heart of transition. Like when a seed is underground, waiting to germinate, there doesn't seem to be much going on, but it's a very fertile and important time. This is where the questioning, growth, learning, formation, courage, creativity, and risk-taking happens.

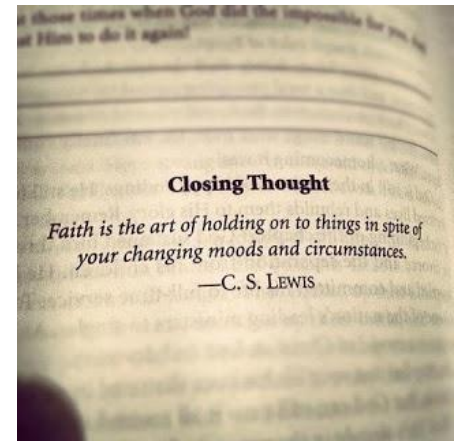
Going through a neutral zone related to one's career or professional identity can be particularly challenging when one is very career-oriented. When I moved overseas, I left my job and with it, my professional identity as a successful, hard-charging management consultant at a well-known firm, bringing my expertise to high-profile clients. Although I had ideas about the kind of work I wanted to do overseas, this did not materialize immediately – and in retrospect, I'm glad for that, because I probably would have tried to recreate the exact same career I had left behind. Instead, the neutral zone helped me to shed that old identity and make way for a new one that is an expression of who I am at this point in my life.

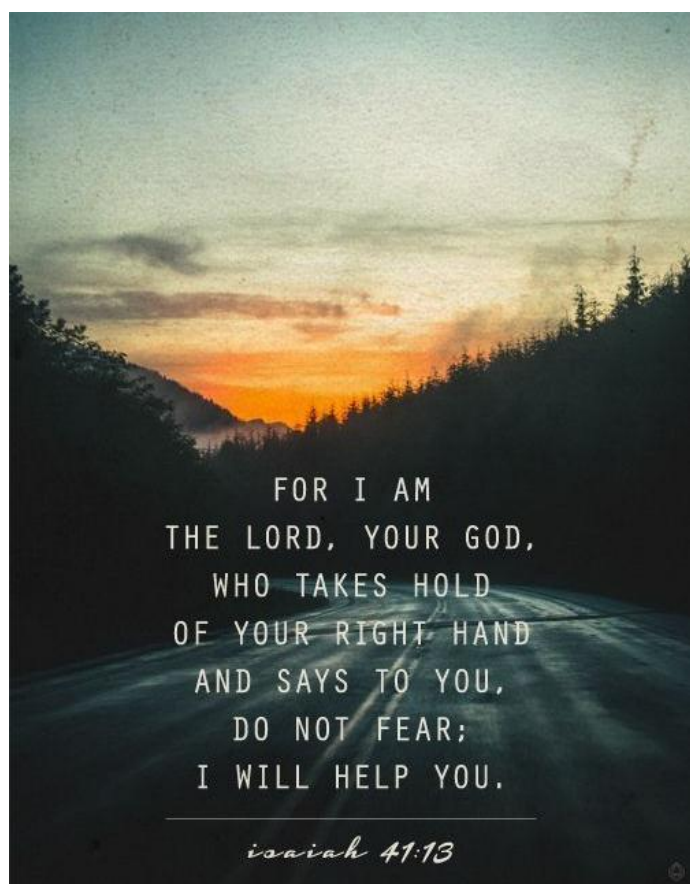
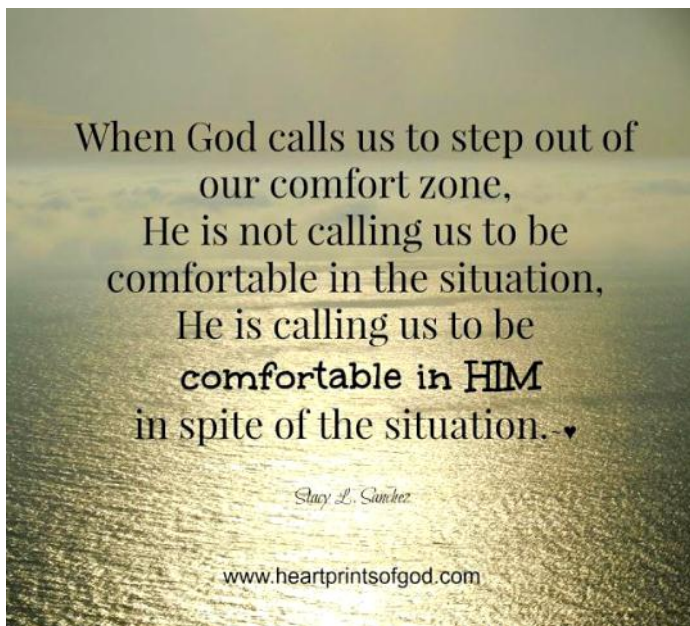
WAYS TO LET BE:

When we're in the Neutral Zone, the task at hand is to "let be." To many of us, this does not come naturally and does not feel comfortable. Here are 10 ways we can make the most of the neutral zone (and thus shorten it):

1. Shift your attitude by reminding yourself that this is a time of reorienting and redefining yourself, not a time of meaningless waiting – even if it doesn't look like it from where you stand right now.
2. Readjust your expectations and accept that this will be a less productive time for you – which may bear results much later.
3. To the extent possible, limit additional changes in your life / work / environment.
4. Expect that you may feel some uncomfortable emotions: fear, confusion, even despair.
5. Take time to be alone on a regular basis.
6. Get creative. The neutral zone can be a good time to question, experiment, brainstorm, try things out.
7. Set some short-term, achievable goals to give yourself a sense of accomplishment and forward movement
8. Track your progress by journaling, going on a retreat, checking in with a friend or a coach regularly, or merely giving yourself time to reflect.
9. Resist the urge to skip this phase of transition and press prematurely for certainty or closure before you are really ready.
10. Survive it. It may not feel like it, but you will live through this and come out on the other side.

*<http://developmentcrossroads.com/2011/04/navigate-change2/>
regarding William Bridges 'Managing Transitions: Making the most of Change'*





CORPSNEWS

JULY HOLIDAY BREAK

SUNDAY: Mini God Squad: No MGS on Sunday 9 July only, MGS will be still on the 2 & 16 July.

MONDAY: Kids Music Therapy: No KMT on Monday 3 or 10 July. Recommencing on Monday 17 July.

TUESDAY: Playgroup: No PG on Tuesday 4 or 11 July. Recommencing Tuesday 18 July.

FRIDAY: Kids Music Club: No KMC on Friday 7 or 14 July. Recommencing on Friday 21 July.
 Friday Night Activities: No activities on Friday 7 or 14 July. Recommencing on Friday 21 July.
 Youth Group: No Youth Group on Friday 30 June, 7 or 14 July. Recommencing on Friday 21 July.

CLUSTER INFORMATION

The Corps Mission Cluster is a group that meets together from all the **Faith** Expressions of The Salvation Army within a determined area. Whereas the HUB includes all Expressions of The Salvation Army; so a HUB may have a number of Clusters within it. The purpose of the Corps Mission Cluster is to journey together in **Spiritual Renewal** and **Strategic Reimagining**. It's motivation is to move from 'silos to teams' to enable greater resourcing and more integrated ministries. It seeks to build collaborative relationships within the body of Christ that worship with The Salvation Army. It aims to help us focus on the expansion of the Kingdom of God within the city where we are sent to serve and bring hope.

On Wednesday June 14 and then again on Thursday June 29 Officers and Corps Leaders meet with the Area Officers to discuss our Corps Mission Cluster and the 'Hope Rising' document that holds the strategy for the NSW / ACT division. This Cluster had representatives from the Auburn Corps, the Granville Corps, the Ryde Corps, Parramatta Court Chaplaincy and Corps. Our meeting was to learn and explore how each 'faith expression' can collaborate.

Although it is difficult to anticipate what impact this Cluster concept will have, it is clear that it will require a shift in the way we think about a corps. So one of our goals will be to understand it for the Parramatta Corps. Stay tuned!



a CHOIR of the SALVATION ARMY

Saturday, July 15 &
Sunday, July 16, 2017
Parramatta Salvation Army
Smith Steet, Parramatta



Join us for a Choral Workshop - 3pm Saturday - ALL WELCOME!
Then come to our "Concert - Café Style" at 7pm
(Entry FREE • Coffee & Cake available \$5.00)
and Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30am

YEAR of GATHERING @ TABLES

YOU ARE INVITED TO GATHER

AROUND A TABLE WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS
TO LEARN, TO SHARE, TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP
BIBLE STUDIES & CONVERSATION CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL GATHERINGS

ALL PEOPLE, ALL NATIONS, ALL GENERATIONS... IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

AUGUST

If you would like to give to the kingdom building activities in and through our Corps by transfer please use the following details: **BSB 032078; Account No. 000810288; Account Name - The Salvation Army, Parramatta.** Please include an applicable reference on the transfer so we can accurately record the gift.



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