Pivots in Transitions

1. The Pattern
    a. A great leader with great power **starts** the movement by wonders.
    b. The people of the movement are grown and tested while they follow.
    c. A faithful man of action is chosen from among the people.
    d. The leader imparts some amount of their power onto the next leader.
    e. The new leader steps in as the plan makes a **pivot** to establish something more permanent and sufficient.
    f. During this time, the people themselves are given special **provision** for the pivot.
2. The Examples

Leadership	Moses → Joshua	Jesus → Peter	Paul → Timothy
The People	Israel preparing to enter Canaan	The disciples prepare to start the Great Commission	The church in Ephesus was started by Paul and needed a pastor
Provisions of Preparation	<u>Joshua:</u> Spirit of wisdom, Moses laid hands on him (Deu. 34:9), direct communication with the Lord (promise given in Josh. 1) <u>Israel:</u> Manna given until entering Canaan, stopping the Jordan, the ark, spies' report from Jericho	<u>Peter:</u> Public promise of leadership (Mt 16:18-19), special redemption of Jn 21, Holy Ghost <u>Disciples:</u> Teachings of Jesus, Holy Ghost	<u>Timothy:</u> Prophesy, laying of hands by the presbytery (1 Tim. 1:18) <u>Ephesians:</u> "Prevailing word of God.", major cultural movement in renouncing of witchcraft, Paul's epistle following 2 years of teaching

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3. The Takeaways
    a. The **leader** is not the point. God builds using the faithful, but it's all built by God and for God. (1 Cor. 2:5)
    b. It's not about being qualified as much as being **equipped**. We are instrumental, and God makes us into the instruments. (2 Cor. 4:7, Eph. 2:10, Rom. 6:13)
    c. The responsibility of the people is to be prepared and faithful. Each transition is a testing for the people to mobilize their faith. Don't be offended! (Mt. 13:57, Mk. 14:29)
    d. The transition is often a pivot. Something new is happening to build upon the foundation. We can't go back to lay that foundation. (Josh. 7:7, Heb. 5:12)
    e. Provision comes to the **faithful**. The unfaithful are left behind, leave, or they settle short of the destination. Provision will always come, but it's a provision for the pivot.
    f. God is going to **supply** what we don't have to offer. (Php 4:19, Eph 4:12)

4. The Application
    a. Embrace the pivot and look ahead to see where we are going next.
    b. Follow the leader God gives.
    c. Take your provision and make the next step in faith. (Lk 12:47-48)
    d. Stay involved in what God is doing here to grow Passpoint.
    e. Be a doer. Doers prepare.
    f. Pray over it all.

