



Repositioning Yourself for Change (Giving Yourself Permission to Change)

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Supplemental Resource: TD Jakes, “Repositioning Yourself: Living Life Without Limits”

- **“Just because you started in a certain way doesn’t mean you have to end that way. You can change your life and reposition your career, your personal relationships, your ministry, your business, whatever it is you need to tweak.”**
- **“You have permission to change and grow. You learn some things at thirty that you did not know at eighteen. You know more at fifty than you did at thirty-five. This guide is your resource to take all that you have learned and use it to shift gears and reposition yourself, armed with all of your failures and successes. You learn as much from your failures as you do from your successes. You can reposition yourself and change how your story ends.”**

Big Question for Today: What needs to change in your life?

I. How We Must Reposition Ourselves

Note: We must embrace four key realities as we enter a new season for our lives

- 1. New Losses:** (John Kotter in Leading for a Change calls it, “a sense of urgency”)
 - **Big Question:** What are we willing to leave behind?
- 2. New Licenses:** (Kotter calls this developing a guiding coalition)
 - **Big Question:** What do we need to be licensed for?
- 3. New Limits:** (Kotter call this developing a vision and a strategy)
 - **Big Question:** What are the boundaries you will never cross?
- 4. New Attitudes:** What viewpoint must you change?

Note: My Personal Response to Losses, Licenses, Limits, and Attitudes

- 1. Losses:** I must stop looking back. It is a daily temptation
- 2. Licenses:** I must license myself to dream a completely new dream
- 3. Limits:** I must accept boundaries without complaining
- 4. Attitudes:** I must adjust my attitude to the current reality



Closing:

II. How Joshua Repositioned Himself

Text: Joshua 1:1-3 (NIV)

1. Joshua Had to Be Repositioned After a Loss

1 After 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.

2. Joshua Had to Be Repositioned with New Licenses

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.

3. Joshua Had to Be Repositioned with New Limits

3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. **4 Your 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.** 5 No 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.

4. Joshua Had to Be Repositioned with a New Attitude

6 **Be 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. 8 Keep 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. 9 Have 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."

Next Time: Repositioned with a New License

Big Question: Where can you go now that you could not go before?

Side Question: What stopped you in the past that cannot stop you now?