



# NAVIGATING LIFE TRANSITIONS



A WORKBOOK FOR  
STARTING OVER OR LEVELING UP



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# Welcome

If you are in the middle of a life transition, I want you to know something: you are not lost. You are in between. And that is a very different thing.

Transitions are some of the most disorienting experiences we go through, but they are also some of the most transformative. The person who comes out the other side is not the same person who went in. And that is the point.

I created this workbook to give you a guide for the journey. Not a map, because every transition is different, but a set of tools and questions that will help you move through it with more clarity and less chaos.

Be patient with yourself. Be honest with yourself. And trust that what is on the other side of this is worth the walk.

*With intention,*

*Jennifer McCray*

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## CHAPTER 1

# Understanding Transitions

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Transitions are not just changes. They are the space between what was and what is next. And that space can feel like free fall if you do not know how to navigate it.

Whether you are going through a career shift, a relationship change, a move, a loss, or a personal reinvention, the process has a pattern. Understanding that pattern is the first step to moving through it with intention instead of panic.

*Every transition has three phases: letting go of what was, sitting in the unknown, and stepping into what is next.*

## Naming Your Transition

Before you can navigate a transition, you have to name it. What is actually changing? What are you leaving behind? What are you moving toward? Sometimes the transition is obvious. Sometimes it is subtle. Either way, naming it gives you power over it.

**EXERCISE**

**Transition Mapping**

Describe the transition you are currently going through. What is ending? What is beginning? What feels uncertain? Be as specific as you can.

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**The Emotional Landscape**

Transitions bring up a lot of feelings, and they do not always make sense. You can feel excited and terrified at the same time. Relieved and grieving. Ready and not ready. All of that is normal.

**EXERCISE**

**Emotional Check-In**

List every emotion you are feeling about this transition. Do not filter or judge. Just name them all.

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**REFLECT ON THIS**

*What would it look like to give yourself permission to feel everything without needing to fix it right away?*

CHAPTER 2

## Letting Go of What Was

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You cannot step into something new while clinging to everything old. Letting go does not mean forgetting or pretending the past did not matter. It means releasing your grip on it so your hands are free to hold something new.

*Letting go is not about losing. It is about making room.*

### What You Are Holding Onto

Sometimes we hold onto things not because they serve us, but because they are familiar. Old identities, old relationships, old ways of doing things. Familiarity feels safe, even when it is not.



**EXERCISE**

**Gratitude Letter**

Write a letter to your old chapter. Thank it for what it gave you. Acknowledge what it taught you. Then say goodbye.

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**REFLECT ON THIS**

*What are you afraid will happen if you fully let go?*

CHAPTER 3

## The Space Between

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The middle of a transition is the hardest part. The old thing is gone but the new thing has not arrived yet. You are in between, and it feels like nothing is happening. But something is happening. You are being reshaped.

*The space between chapters is not empty. It is where the real transformation happens.*

### Sitting with Uncertainty

Our culture does not teach us how to sit with uncertainty. We are trained to fix, solve, and move on as quickly as possible. But some things cannot be rushed. Some things need time to unfold.

**EXERCISE**

**Uncertainty Practice**

Write about what feels most uncertain in your life right now. Then write about one thing you can control within that uncertainty. Focus on that.

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**Finding Stability in the Middle**

Even in the middle of chaos, you can create pockets of stability. Daily routines, supportive relationships, practices that ground you. These anchors keep you steady while everything else shifts.

**EXERCISE**

**Your Anchor List**

List 5 things that ground you no matter what is happening around you. These are your anchors. Commit to leaning on them during this transition.

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**REFLECT ON THIS**

*What if the uncertainty you are feeling is not a problem to solve but a season to move through?*

CHAPTER 4

## Stepping Into What Is Next

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At some point, the fog starts to clear. You begin to see the outline of what is next. It might not be fully formed yet, but you can feel it. That is when you start building.

*You do not need to see the whole staircase. You just need to see the next step.*

### Designing Your Next Chapter

Your next chapter does not have to look like your last one. In fact, it probably should not. This is your chance to build something that reflects who you are now, not who you were before.



**EXERCISE**

**First Three Steps**

Write down the first 3 concrete actions you will take to move toward your next chapter. Make them specific and give each one a deadline.

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**REFLECT ON THIS**

*What is the bravest thing you could do in the next 7 days to move toward your next chapter?*

CHAPTER 5

## Carrying the Lessons Forward

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Every transition teaches you something about yourself. About your resilience, your adaptability, your strength. The question is whether you take those lessons with you or let them fade.

*You are not just surviving this transition. You are being shaped by it.*

### Harvesting the Lessons

Look back at this transition and ask yourself: What did I learn? About myself, about life, about what I need, about what I am capable of? Those lessons are the gifts hidden inside the difficulty.

**EXERCISE**

**Lesson Harvest**

Write down the 5 most important things this transition has taught you. For each one, describe how you will carry that lesson forward.

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**Building Transition Resilience**

Life will bring more transitions. That is guaranteed. But each one you navigate makes you better at navigating the next. You are building a skill set that will serve you for the rest of your life.

**EXERCISE**

**Your Transition Toolkit**

Based on everything you have learned, create your personal transition toolkit. What practices, people, and perspectives will you carry into future transitions?

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**REFLECT ON THIS**

*How has this transition changed who you are? And who are you becoming because of it?*

## Keep Going

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You have done something important in these pages. You have faced your transition head-on instead of running from it. You have named what you are feeling, honored what you are leaving behind, and started building what comes next.

That takes real strength.

If you want support as you continue navigating this chapter, I am here.

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