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I hope you are experiencing great grace and blessing upon your life, family and ministry. We are experiencing this grace and blessing as a family, while in the middle of the biggest move we've ever made. I've shared with some leaders, that it feels like we have been pastoring two megachurches at the same time.

As Pastor Hope and I get ready for our final service as founders and pastors of Redemption, Greenville this coming Sunday, and become Redemption, San Jose, I am personally sensing the challenge to not just transition geographically, but to navigate to the next level in my own life and ministry. Can I share with you some kingdom nuggets that can empower all of us to go where we have never been before?

In Psalm 75:6-7, the Psalmist receives the revelation of "promotion" not coming from the east (where we've been for 27 wonderful years), nor from the west (where we are going next), but from the Lord. The Hebrew word used here for promotion is a "state of being on a higher plane, and movement in an upward direction." So, it is being or becoming someone who lives at a new level or new dimension, so that we are empowered to move in ever increasing upward directions of personal and ministry development!

The word "promotion" is actually just the prefix "pro," before, and "motion." So, what is "before" is an important key to forward motion in our lives and ministries? Here are some nuggets I am thinking about during our wide-open motion:

- Our Promotion Is Always Preceded by Private Personal Growth
- Our Promotion Is Not from Personal Pursuit, We Seek Purpose and Process
- Our Preparation for Promotion Always Takes Time Until Our "Due Season"
- Our Promotion Always Involves Both God and the Leaders in Our Lives
- Our Promotion Is Always Tested and Proved Before It Happens
- Our Promotion Is Released After Proven Faithfulness at The Present Level

I believe God is getting all of us ready for promotion to our greatest seasons ever!

I am also planning now to be more involved in RMFI than ever before, on both coasts and everything in between. The only thing that will change with RMFI will be the location, and will compensate for that with Regional Meetings.

I look forward to sharing more with you as our transition is complete.

Thank you for being a vital part of RMFI and walking with us through this great time of transition and promotion for all of us!

Thank you also for your continued faithfulness in supporting your fellowship with your monthly tithes and offerings.  
Blessings!

Pastor Ron Carpenter, Jr.