



NAVIGATING CHANGE

Patience is an important virtue as you attempt change in WORSHIP

change is HARD

No matter where we are trying to make change, it can be difficult. This is especially true in worship music. A person's connection with God through worship songs can be linked to significant spiritual moments. Changing style can be interpreted as a departure from these treasured moments, or making them seem redundant, as we replace these familiar songs with new ones.

Care needs to be given as we lead a congregation through a change of style in worship music. Your attitude needs to be similar to that of a missionary. You are trying to bring something new into a context that has a defined culture. Understand your congregation and their needs. Be present in community with them and they will be more comfortable as you lead them into a new expression of worship and experience of God.

change is a JOURNEY

Change is a journey, not a destination. You need to walk with your congregation through new and different experiences.

In most cases, change will **NOT** happen quickly and there will be resistance. The way you react to the process, and possible resistance, will be important to your congregation.

During the journey of change, you will not always be progressing. Designing opportunities for familiar songs to be used in times of change can help the congregation handle new ideas.

Do not make change for change's sake. As with everything you do as you lead worship, you need to put prayer and thought into the reasons and motive behind your decisions.