# Leading and Managing Change



## Why change?

#### **Emotional**

"How is this going to feel?"

- Effort required
- Competency
- New skills needed
- Perceived losses

- Business case
- Market forces
- Best practices

#### Rational

"Why should we do this?"

#### **Political**

"What's in this for me?"

- Position
- Status
- Income



## "Why Change?" Exercise

#### The Business Case Study

- Break out into 3 groups.
- You are the communication group of a large US based company of 5,000 employees.
- We're in 2008, and the recession has hit our business particularly hard.
- You just learned that the BOD approved your CEO's request to freeze the company's 401K match for the foreseeable future.
- This tough decision is being done in lieu of company-wide layoffs.



#### Your assignment:

- 1. You'll be assigned a category.
- 2. On a flip chart, create a list of communication bullets for your focus area.



## **Why Change Exercise**

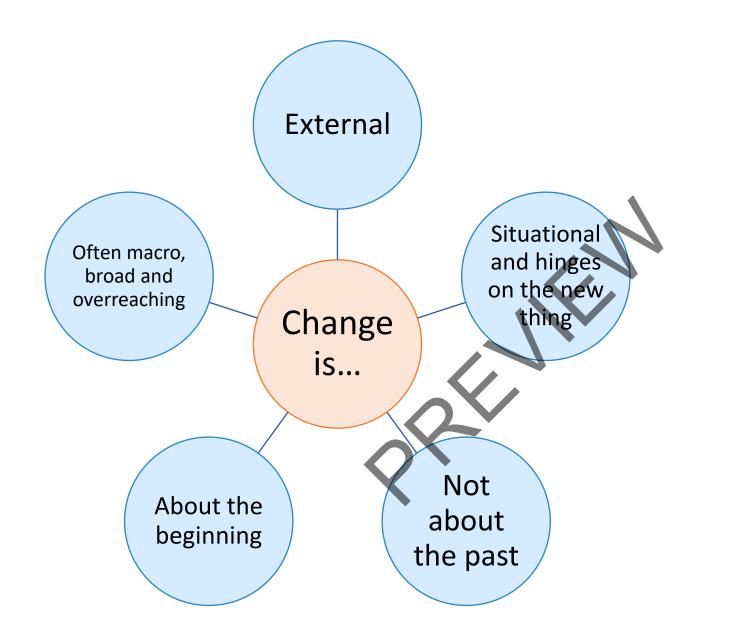


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## Change vs. Transition

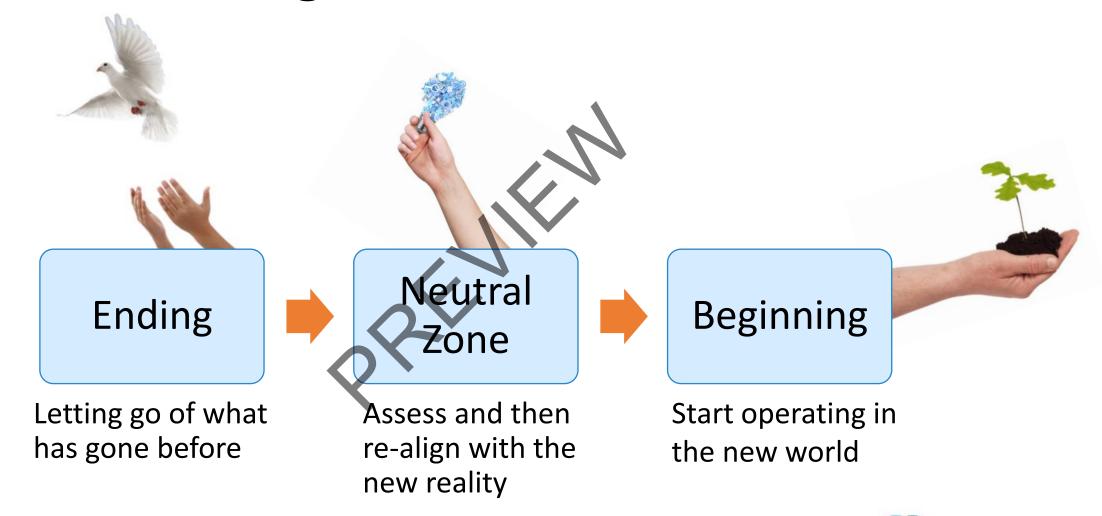








## **Predictable Stages of Transition**





## **Predictable Stages of Transition: ENDING**

**Ending** 



Neutral Zone



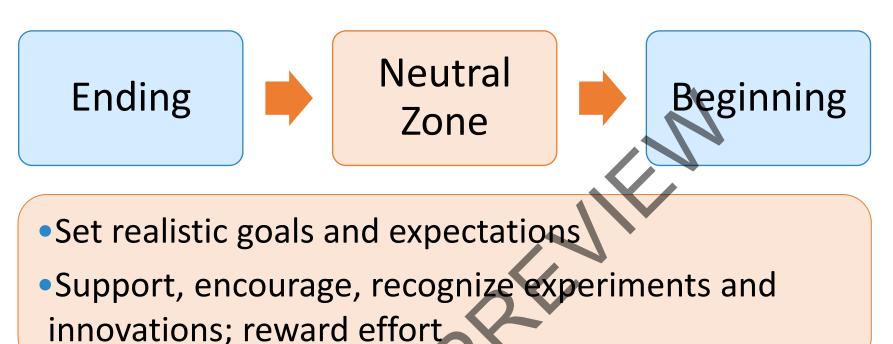
Beginning

- Identify who's losing what
- Define what's over AND what's not
- Acknowledge the losses openly& sympathetically
- Expect and accept signs of grieving

- Mark the endings (rituals, symbols)
- Treat the past with respect
- Let people take part of the old with them
- Communicate, etc.



### **Predictable Stages of Transition: NEUTRAL ZONE**

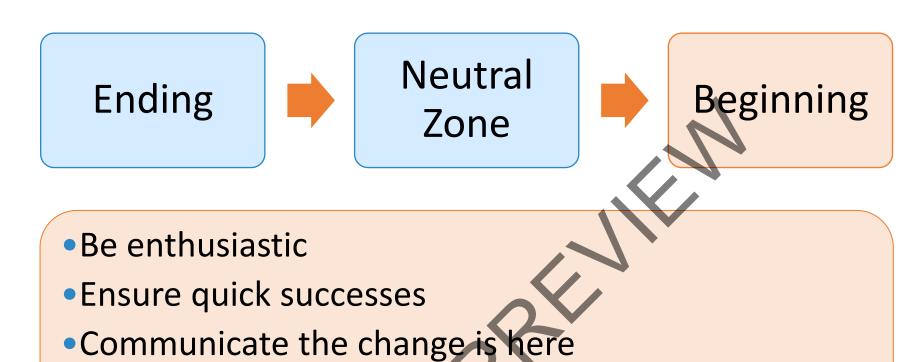








## **Predictable Stages of Transition: BEGINNING**



Celebrate success



