

THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

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Today we are going to talk about a subject that very few of us like... _____.

Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) (8) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Change is the only constant in life. But, the only _____ reality is Jesus.

Malachi 3:6 (NKJV) (6) "For I am the Lord, I do not change;
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV) (8) "The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

Psalms 102:27 (NKJV) (27) But You are the same,
And Your years will have no end.

JESUS IS UNCHANGEABLE— THE FIRM FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD YOUR LIFE.

How Do We Handle Change:

- 1) Ignore it—hope it all goes away.
- 2) Fight it—keep the old ways and/or complain about anything new or different.
- 3) Embrace it slowly— often begrudgingly.
- 4) Go with the flow!

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV) (1) To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV) (12) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. (13) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, (14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV) (6) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NKJV) (16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. (17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Luke 9:57-62 (NKJV) (57) Now it happened as they journeyed on the road,
That someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
(58) And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests,
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
(59) Then He said to another, "Follow Me."
But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
(60) Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead,
but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
(61) And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You,
but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."
(62) But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back,
Is fit for the kingdom of God."

There Are Five Ways to Handle Change:

- 1) Be _____—**the only constant in change.**

- 2) Be _____. **Recognize the changes and the impact on you and others.**
(Psalm 46:10)

- 3) Be _____. **(Ephesians 4:22-24)**

- 4) Be _____. **Center yourself each day in the LORD. (Romans 8:28)**

- 5) Be _____. **Face changes with confidence because of the unchanging Jesus.**
(Philippians 4:13)

WHAT CHANGES DO YOU NEED TO EMBRACE TO BE A BETTER FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS WEEK TO EMBRACE CHANGE?

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