

# Change is Coming

## 1. **You cannot avoid change.**

*One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"*

Job 1:13-19 NIV

*At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. [That was customary for when they are in mourning] Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

Job 1:20-22 NIV

## 2. **Cling to God who does not change.**

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8 NIV

*Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take.*

Joshua 1:9 MSG

*I am God—yes, I Am. I haven't changed. And because I haven't changed, you, the descendants of Jacob, haven't been destroyed.*  
Malachi 3:6 MSG

*Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, who does not change or cause darkness by turning.*  
James 1:17 GNT

### **3. Let God do the change in you.**

*I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it? I have put roads in deserts, streams in thirsty lands.*  
Isaiah 43:19 CEV

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

### **4. Always be ready to change.**

*Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!*  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23 MSG