## 11-5-2025 - Seasons Change, But God Remains

## Mid-week Encouragement for the soul!

People change. Interests change. Policies change. Seasons change.

But God does not change. God remains the same.

- Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- Psalm 102:27 But you are always the same; you will live forever.

Why does that verse matter in our lives? Why do we need to know it?

- B/c when life feels like it's on shifting sand... you need a **firm foundation**.
- B/c when you're tossed back & forth in a restless sea, you need an anchor
- 1 We need something constant in a world of chaos/change.... to hold/grasp.
  - James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, with whom there is no change or shifting shadow."
  - God is from above/ on high. He is Sovereign & omniscient.
    Latin adverb super: "above" & Latin noun regnum: rulership/control
  - o Because He is omniscient, He knows everything... sees everything.
    - Knowing everything, decisions are correct/right when made
      - Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?
      - No worry that God will change His mind about us.
- 2 It matters b/c 1 Jn 4:16 says God is love. His love doesn't depend on us
  - "I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed." – Malachi 3:6
  - In theology, the unchangeableness of God's essential nature and character is called the *immutability* of God.
    - o It's why we receive grace instead of what we deserve.

- 3 It matters b/c Bible tells us God is patient & merciful.
  - <u>Lamentations 3:22-23</u> "Because of the loving devotion of the LORD we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail."
  - The mercy of God will not change, supply won't run out; never fail.
    - God is patient w/ us our mistakes, our maturity ... time to grow.
    - Mercy means God will forgive ... always.
- 4 It matters b/c if God doesn't change, then **God's truth doesn't change.**Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Life is transient. Temporary achievements/cond'l promises... not God.

- Matt. 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."
- Seasons will change, but God & His truth remains. Promises prevail.
- 5 It matters b/c the Bible tells us God is faithful.
  - Psalm 100:5 "For the LORD is good and His loving devotion endures forever; His faithfulness continues to all generations."
  - 2 Tim. 2:13 "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."
  - We may struggle w/ faith. "Where is God?" Thomas had doubts.
    - But God is consistent in character. He cannot be anything other than Himself. That means our lapses don't alter God's nature.
      - God is still the same ... reliable & true. Anchor. Need that?
    - International Standard Version of <u>2 Tim. 2:13</u> "Our faith may fail, his never wanes — That's who he is, he cannot change!"
      - He's the same... yesterday, today, & forever.

Life today is uncertain... changing...

<u>Hebrews 10:23</u> – "Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise."