

# Our Unchanging God

“Knowing God Deeper” part 7

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*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

*James 1:17 (NIV)*

*“I the Lord do not change.”*

*Malachi 3:6a (NIV)*

## God’s Immutability means ...

### Three Things About God That Never Change:

#### I. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us never changes.

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love.”* *Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)*

#### POINT #1: I NEVER NEED ...

*“Your love never changes, so save me!”* *Psalms 119:159b (TEV)*

*I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love.* *Romans 8:38 (NLT)*

#### II. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us never changes.

*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.* *Isaiah 40:8 (NLT)*

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.* *Matthew 24:35 (NIV)*

*Long ago I learned from your statutes that you established them to last forever.* *Psalms 119:152 (NIV)*

## Temptations tempt us to ...

*“Did God really say ...”* *Genesis 3:1 (NIV)*

*Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*Matthew 7:24 (NIV)*

## **POINT #2: STABILITY COMES FROM ...**

(2 Timothy 4:3-4)

### **A helpful ‘stress stabilizer’ and ‘sin avoider’ is ...**

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

*Psalm 119:11 (NIV)*

## **III. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us never changes.**

*The Lord Almighty has sworn, “Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.”*

*Isaiah 14:24 (NIV)*

*The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.*

*Psalm 33:11 (NIV)*

*He (God) is not a human being—he does not change his mind.*

*1 Samuel 15:29 (TEV)*

## **POINT #3: GOD DOESN’T HAVE ...**

**God’s purpose:** John 10:10, Ephesians 1:11-12

**God’s plan of salvation ...**

*If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from death, you will be saved.*

*Romans 10:9 (TEV)*

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

*Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)*

*Those who trust in the Lord are steady as Mount Zion, unmoved by any circumstance.*

*Psalm 125:1 (LB)*

*From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety.*

*Psalm 61:2 (NLT)*

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## **This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:**

Welcome to the seventh week our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper".

Each week we will reflect on one of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character.

The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will be using the same set of questions as we focus in on the ten different names of God that will be the focus of this series.

### **Getting Started ...**

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ...

What has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

### **Quick Review ...**

In this week's description of God, we reflected on how God is Immutable or 'never changing'.

From the passages and insights that were shared on Sunday, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

## **Digging Deeper:**

What does God being “never changing” mean to you personally?

Has this characteristic of God brought encouragement to you in the past? If so, when? How did it impact you?

What thoughts came out of that experience?

What are some feelings, thoughts, questions or possible struggles that surface in you as you reflect on the meaning of this name?

What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular name of God?

What are the needs and desires this name of God might meet in your life if you were fully able to embrace its truth in your heart?

## **Praying Together:**

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.