Coronavirus Social Distancing Daily Devotion #19

Never Changing

**Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)** *8  “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

We are all feeling the effects of the changes that are occurring in our world and in our town and even within our families. So much of this social distancing is a strange time in our lives. Just the other day I was in a store briefly, and I felt like I was being watched, as if I were some kind of criminal or that I was doing something wrong. No one said anything to me to make me feel that way, it is just all the changes that have occurred that caused my mind to think that way. But that is what sudden and uncertain change does. Change occurs all the time, every day and in lots of ways throughout our lifetimes, but when change happens suddenly and when it is out of our control, it creates all kinds of strange emotions and many unfounded reactions.

The funny thing is, we like change, and we enjoy change to a point, if we are in control of it. I was talking with someone yesterday who was telling me how all this change has been a huge blessing for her and her family. They are spending more time together and enjoying each other’s company more than they ever have. I thought to myself, that is such a positive way of looking at this weird time. We often talk of how fast the days go by and how fleeting life seems to be. To take the time we have been given in quarantine is precious in many ways and we should enjoy it to the fullest. In fact, it won’t be long, and we will be back to normal, with everyone running in their different directions and we will wonder where the time went and miss the time we had together.

For those of us with older children, who are not home as often, this is a time we are trying to enjoy and appreciate, because this will pass quickly. As a parent, I am more and more aware how quickly our children grow up and become their own adults. It is difficult to go through the changes because we long for them to stay young or at least be dependent on us. That was so normal for so long. It is difficult to move out of those years. But that is the plan of the Lord, for children to grow up and move on into their own lives.

As much as life changes, I am reminded of what the Lord has told us about Himself. He never changes. Amazing isn’t it? On the one hand, we know nothing but change in this life and on the other hand we long for some things to stay the same. Isn’t it a beautiful truth that Jesus never changes? That He is and always will be God. He will always be the Savior, the Intercessor between us and the Father? It’s staggering to think that during all the changes that life puts us through, Jesus will always be the same. He will never reject you. He will never turn you away when you have a need. He will never not provide for you. He will never stop loving you. He will never cease to be your Lord. He will never lose His power over death and dying and pain and suffering. He will never not give you an eternal home. He will never forget you. He will never reject you. He will never remove your name from the book of life. If there is anything to be encouraged by in these days, it is the fact that our Lord will always be our God. I am glad things change in this life, but I’m so thankful that nothing changes with our God.

What are you struggling with the most right now? My guess is, it centers on change of some kind. Would it be possible to focus on the One who never changes? Would it be possible to remember that He never changes as your earthly world changes and be encouraged that He never, ever changes?

Beloved, we are safe! We do not have to let this time confuse or distort what we know in our hearts to be true. While the world runs from this to that, trying to make sense of it all, let us show the world how our Lord never changes. We can do that by not giving in to fear and anxiety, but by giving ourselves fully to faith and confidence in the One who created us and sustains us by His might power, the One who never changes.

**Malachi 3:6a (NASB)** 6  "*For I, the LORD, do not change*.”