

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

AUGUST 9

"UNCHANGING"

Scripture References

- **Genesis 2:7**
- **Genesis 2:16-17**
- **Genesis 3:9, 21**
- **Genesis 12:2-3**
- **Exodus 2:24-25**
- **Exodus 19:5-6**
- **Deut. 7:6-8**
- **Malachi 3:6**
- **John 1:14**
- **Matthew 11:28**
- **Luke 23:43**
- **Luke 24:6**
- **1 Peter 2:9**
- **Revelation 21:3**

Quick Re-Cap

→ God has been the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's always been the same, for all of eternity. Throughout the entire Bible, there are examples over and over again of God's continued pursuit of a relationship with humanity, his eternal faithfulness and forgiveness, his justice and grace. All remain the same, unchanging. We, as humans, change constantly. One day we may want a relationship with God, and the next we may choose our own way. Through all of our changing, God remains the same. What he wants remains the same. And his invitation to become part of his family remains the same.

Illustration

In the beginning, God created people to have a relationship with Him. It's what He's always wanted, for all of eternity. He's never changed. Adam and Eve chose their own way instead of God's, and created a divide between God's perfection and humanity's sin. Humanity changed, God didn't. He still wanted relationship with them. Through the Bible we see in the stories of Abraham, Israel, and the whole Old Testament that God continued pursuing us even though people kept choosing their own way. People changed their minds back and forth from wanting a relationship with God, to choosing what they wanted to do. Through all this, God stayed the same. Then, Jesus came to fix what that sin had broken in humanity. That distance we chose through sin was now bridged through Jesus' sacrifice. God's unchanging love and pursuit of humanity was shown ultimately when Jesus came and died for our sins, and then resurrected from the dead. Through Jesus, God's unchanging plan to have a relationship with us can happen. Now, we have the chance as the Church to share this good news about God's unchanging nature with everyone around us. We get the chance to have an eternal relationship with our Unchanging God through Jesus!

Application

→ Let's pray that God will show us more of his unchanging nature. Through whatever changes happen in our lives, from moving houses, to changing friends, to making different choices each day, God stays the same. This week, let's ask God to change us to be more like him every day.

Convo Starters

- What are some ways you have changed throughout your life?
- What are some ways you've seen God being the same?
- How can we share that unchanging nature of God with those around us?