

TRUSTING GOD IN LIFE'S CHANGES

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"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

FOUR REALITIES OF LIFE:

- THERE IS NO _____ WITHOUT CHANGE.
- THERE IS NO _____ WITHOUT LOSS.
- THERE IS NO _____ WITHOUT GRIEF.
- THERE IS NO _____ WITHOUT PAIN.

PRINCIPLES FOR GROWING THROUGH CHANGE:

1. _____ FOR GOD.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:29 (NIV)

2. ASK FOR _____.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5 (NIV)

"Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." Proverbs 24:14 (NIV)

3. DON'T ASK _____. ASK _____ (AM I SUPPOSED TO LEARN FROM THIS).

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

4. FOCUS ON WHAT _____ CHANGES.

"I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed." Malachi 3:6 (NIV)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

5. DON'T FACE THE CHANGE _____.

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34 (NIV)

6. DECIDE TO _____ NO MATTER WHAT.

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him..." Job 13:15a (NIV)

"For I hear many whispering, 'Terror on every side!' They conspire against me and plot to take my life. But I trust in you, Lord; I say, 'You are my God.'" Psalm 31:13-14 (NIV)

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