

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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WEEK 1

LIFE CHANGES. GOD DOESN'T.

“The grass **withers** and
the flowers **fade**, but
the **word of our God**
stands forever.”

ISAIAH 40:8

DAY 1

HEAR // Take a walk outside and look at the nature around you. Whether it's grass in your front yard, trees in your backyard, or a potted plant on the sidewalk, nature is all around us and constantly changing from season to season. Sometimes, this change is noticeable—like when you see leaves change colors during the fall. Other times, it's more gradual—like when seeds in a garden slowly turn into vegetables over several months. Regardless if the change is fast or slow, there's another thing all nature has in common: It will eventually fade. However, in today's verse we learn that, unlike nature, God's Word to us—His promises—never fade. This week, as you notice things in nature growing and fading, let it be a reminder that God's Word and promises NEVER fade.



But the Lord's plans
stand firm forever;
his intentions can
never be shaken.

PSALM 33:11

DAY 2

PRAY // Do you have a friend who's constantly changing plans at the last minute? Or a family member who says one thing and then does something different? It can be incredibly frustrating to depend on people who are unreliable and change on a whim. However, it's comforting to know that God's not like that. The Bible tells us He is firm, unmovable, and reliable in His plans—forever. This week, spend some time in prayer, thanking God that you can count on His unchanging ways and unwavering plans.



For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18b

DAY 3

LIVE // You've likely heard the phrase, "Seeing is believing." And when all we SEE are the constant changes happening in our lives, it's easy to BELIEVE that's the way things are always going to be. We'll always be on a roller coaster of change at home, at school, and on the sports team. By contrast though, the Bible tells us that what we see is fleeting. In fact, God urges us to build our lives around—and focus on—what we CANNOT see: Him and His goodness. This week, when difficult changes come your way, remember that your current season of life is temporary, but God and His love and goodness toward you are permanent.



Your fame will endure to **EVERY GENERATION.**

PSALM 102:12b

DAY 4

TALK // If you are around people older than you long enough, you may notice they sometimes begin sentences with, "When I was your age," referencing how much has changed since they were younger—from cars to TVs to phones. And while times certainly have changed through the generations and will continue to change, this verse reminds us God's name and His fame have not, and will not, change. This week, talk to your Small Group Leader about how the world around them has changed since they were your age. Then, ask them to tell you about how God has NOT changed in that time, too.



God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he **DOES NOT CHANGE HIS MIND.**

NUMBERS 23:19a

DAY 5

LIVE // Has a friend ever lied to you? If so, that probably ranks up there as one of the more hurtful or upsetting moments you've experienced. When someone lies to you, much of what you thought about that person usually changes in an instant. Although we can't always trust in the character of the people around us, today's verse reminds us we can always trust in God's unchanging ways. God never lies to us, tricks us, or changes His mind. The next time you're tempted to bend the truth or change your mind about something you probably shouldn't, look to God's unchanging character as an example for how you should live. You'll be glad you did!

