



"Trusting God in Changing Times"

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THE TRUTH ABOUT CHANGE

1. CHANGE IS _____

As long as the earth remains, there will be springtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night.

Genesis 8:22 (NLT)

There is no growth without change.
There is no change without loss.
There is no loss without grief.
There is no grief without pain.
--Rick Warren

(There is) a time to grieve and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NLT)

2. NOT ALL CHANGE IS GOOD, BUT GOD CAN _____

THREE SOURCES OF CHANGE

- CHOICES
- CONSEQUENCES
- CIRCUMSTANCES

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

3. GOD CAN USE MY SIN AND MISTAKES TO _____

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

4. CHANGE IS ALWAYS _____

The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is much more precious than gold, and by passing the test, it gives praise, glory, and honor to God.

1 Peter 1:7 (GW)

BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH CHANGE:

TELL GOD

Though he slay me, yet I will trust in him.

Job 13:15 (KJV)

*The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord!*

Job 1:21 (KJV)

ANSWER KEY:

1. Change is **INEVITABLE**.
2. Not all change is good, but God can **USE IT FOR GOOD**.
3. God can use my sin and mistakes to **ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSE**.
4. Change is always **A TEST OF FAITH**.
5. Best way to deal with change: Tell God **I'LL TRUST HIM NO MATTER WHAT**.