

GOD IS UNCHANGING

HEBREWS 6:17

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Additional Reading: Numbers 23:19; Psalm 102:25–27; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17
(Optional: Malachi 3:6)

Duct tape was developed during World War II as a waterproof, rubber-based adhesive. Since then, duct tape has garnered a reputation for its durability. It's such a durable material that it's now commonly used by DIY crafters to make anything from formal dresses to canoes. In the 2015 movie *The Martian*, Matt Damon's character even uses duct tape for repairs on Mars! Duct tape has its reputation because of its constancy and reliability. Its makers promise us that it is waterproof and durable, and they deliver—every time.

Today, we're exploring God's unchangeability—His constancy. God's unchangeability refers to the fact that His character and eternal purposes don't change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is constant and reliable. This fact is very comforting in a world full of change and uncertainty. Because God doesn't change, He can be trusted and relied upon absolutely.

The author of Hebrews says that when God desired to show the unchangeable character of His purpose, He guaranteed it with an oath. The author goes on to say that part of God's unchanging nature is that it's impossible for Him to lie. Not only can we trust Him absolutely, but we can also trust His word. If God said it, He will do it. If He promised it, it will come to pass.

While the Bible makes it clear that God's character and purposes are constant, we also see that God responds to our actions, such as our prayers and our faith. But this doesn't put the pressure on us, as if we need to pray just the right way or muster up enough faith from our willpower. Instead, a robust faith is possible because of the constancy of God's character and the trustworthiness of His word. Pray with confidence this week, knowing that God's response will be based on His unchanging character and eternal purpose.

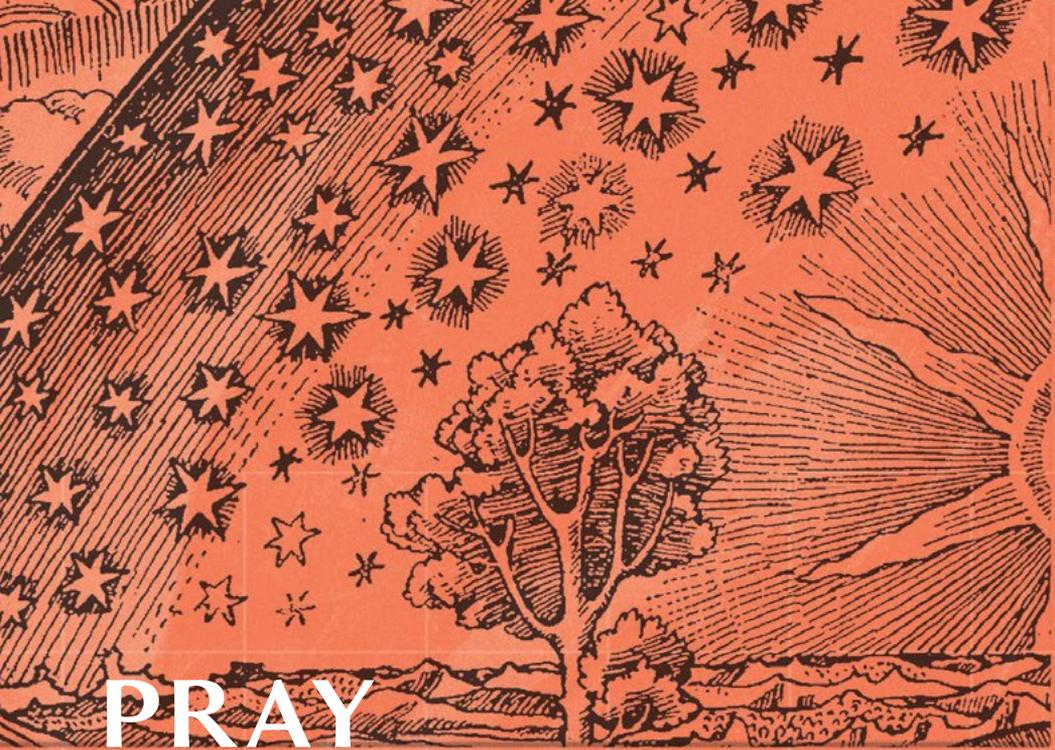
**BECAUSE GOD IS UNCHANGING,
OUR FAITH HAS A FIRM FOUNDATION.**

Notes

Reflect

How does trusting in God's unchanging character and word help you have robust faith?

How will knowing that God responds to you based on His unchanging character and eternal purpose impact the way you pray?



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Lord, You are a safe dwelling place for all generations. You do not lie or fail to keep Your promises. Jesus, You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Because You are unchanging, I give You my anxieties and trust that my life is in Your perfect plan. I repent of when I have doubted and ask that You would grow my faith to trust You more. God, thank You for Your constant faithfulness! In Jesus' name, amen.