

Words of the Wise- Standing strong in the winds of change.

Sermon Notes

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***Illustration:** evolution of how we listen to music: record, radio, 8 track, cassette, CD, Mp3, Smart phone.

Fascinating how the smart phone has replaced—the Boombox/Walkman/CD player, the home phone, the camera, the computer, the day timer, the newspaper, the magazine and unfortunately it is also replacing face-to-face conversation, the “adult bookstore”, church, and healthy accountability of words.

Unlike the fleeting existence of a human being, the Word of the Lord stands forever. Psalm 119:89

- Our salvation like the Word of God is imperishable, it is eternal and will endure forever.

The very name of God—"I Am" speaks to his unchanging nature and presence.

Exodus 3:14

- His name pointed people to the proper authority to fear. *Fear him, not a mere man.*
 - The name Yahweh was even considered unspeakable out of fear of its misuse.
- His name gave confidence to a vulnerable nation because of his constant presence. *He is always with you.*
- He will not change on them like shifting sands for he is constant in nature. *He is who he is.*
- He is the beginning and the end, the all-sufficient one. *You need no one else.*

Jesus as your leader will anchor your feet in times of change. Hebrews 13:4-9a

Always changing values:

- Human sexuality and marital covenants come under God's judgment. (4)
 - In our society the very essence of marriage and healthy sexuality are coming under no judgment other than individual unquestioned affirmation.

- Constant pursuit of money only creates contentment issues, but contentment in what God has provided will lead to a more at peace soul. (5a)

Standing with Jesus on firm footing:

- You will not be abandoned. (5b)
- He will help you. (6a)
- Do not live by fear of others. (6b)
- When doubting recall and imitate the blessed way of life of those who taught you the Scriptures. (7)
- Jesus will not change on you! (8)
- Strange teaching is changed teaching. (9a)

1 Peter 1:23-25 ²³ *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,*
"All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ **but** *the word of the Lord endures forever."*^[a]
And this is the word that was preached to you.