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Change is an inevitable part of life. If we do not change we never grow in the natural or spiritually. Some people live for change in their lives and routines while others are petrified of change. I used to be petrified of big changes in my life because it was a constant in my youth. We moved around a lot in my early years because my parents served in the military. I did not always have good experiences with those changes. I eventually got over it but still have some issues when it comes to the unknown (work in progress).

I desire for all of us, no matter which camp we are in regarding change, to focus our hearts and minds on the Lord regarding change. The reason is because our world has changed and is changing in major ways. Whether we live for change or are petrified of it, we all must deal with it and learn how to keep growing through it. God already knows what is to come. Let us look at one example where God already knew the outcome of a situation and how He handled it for His children.

Exodus 13:17 - Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt." 18 So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.

How did the children of Israel respond when they faced the first challenge?

Exodus 14:11-12 - Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

We know the rest of this story. The point I want to make is that the Israelites had a major change in their lives but God provided. Even after God provided them a way through the Red Sea and defeated the Egyptians, the children of Israel still

constantly complained out of their fear everytime they were faced with change.

There is no need to fear change or the unknown. Everytime I have gone through a major change I came out with a little more knowledge and understanding from the experience. If we stay where we are, we can never grow. If we do not grow, we can never come to a deeper place of understanding our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If we cannot grow in our understanding of Jesus, how can we ever get to a place to be and look like Him? Isn't that what we all desire? Our world is changing. We should be changing to have dominion over the world by God's original design. It is a new year. Let us all be more purposeful in our growth through every change we experience. Let us trust the One who lives in, through, and for us.

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