



October 1, 2023

Pastor Scott George

Unchanging, Part 2 – Lo Shanah

Malachi 3:6



What is the Big Idea?

To remind us that in a changing world, God doesn't change

Malachi 3:6 (ESV), *For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not **consumed**.*

Hebrews 13:8, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-25, *Because of the Lord's great love we are not **consumed**, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
As thou has been, Thou forever shall be.

- Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

Isaiah 43:2, *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

Because God's Faithfulness is Great...

1. I can LIVE boldly.

Psalms 27:1, *The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?*

2. I can FORGIVE continually.

Luke 23:34a, *Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

3. I can GIVE unselfishly.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12, *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

4. I can TRUST completely.

Jeremiah 17:7-8, *But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.*

5. I can _____ freely.

Matthew 10:7-8, *As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.*

I receive your righteousness and release my sinfulness.

I receive your wholeness and release my brokenness.

I receive your fullness and release my emptiness.

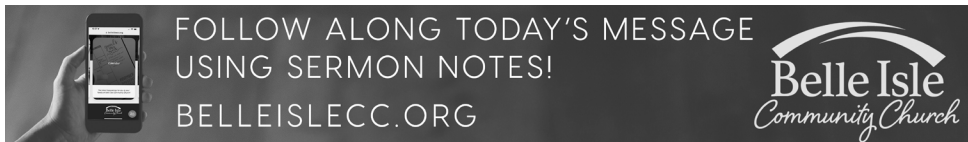
I receive your peace and release my anxiety.

I receive your joy and release my despair.

I receive your healing and release my sickness.

I receive your love and release my selfishness.

- J. D. Walt



6. I can _____ confidently.

Psalms 23:4-6, *Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

When God is with me, I have...

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Courage | 5. Abundance |
| 2. Comfort | 6. Goodness & Mercy |
| 3. Victory Over Enemies | 7. Guaranteed Eternity |
| 4. Anointing | |

7. I can _____ securely.

Matthew 11:28, *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

God, Because You Are Unchangeable...

I can _____.

I will _____.

I no longer fear _____.

I am _____.

I give _____.

I face _____.

I trust _____.

The Big Takeaway: *(How did God speak to you today?)* _____

In case you missed them...

Answers: 1. Receive 2. Walk 3. Rest