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THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

As I look at the vibrant colors in the garden and the first signs of corn growing in the fields it's easy to see that a new season is upon us. It reminds me of the song Bob Dylan wrote way back in 1964...**"The Times They Are A-Changing."** It was a protest song written at a time when the nation was experiencing significant political and social changes...just like today. We all go through seasons of change in our lives. Some are life-changing...such as getting married, having a baby, or losing a loved one. Some are less impactful but nevertheless important...changing jobs, moving into a new home, retirement, etc.

Life is full of changes... in fact life itself is a sequence of changes that we have to deal with every day. Someone once said, **"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change."** Change is inevitable...if you don't believe me just look at some old photos of yourself and then go look in the mirror (I avoid doing that as much as I can!!) We all experience change...**it's how we react to change tells us a lot about ourselves!**

Some people are uncomfortable with change. We all want to progress in our lives as long as we don't have to change anything!! Others are threatened by change. An old church member once scolded a new pastor for his radical ideas and changes he had brought to the church. He said, **"Pastor, if God were alive today, He would be shocked at the changes you are making in this church."** Some people are resistant to change *"I/we've always done things this way and there's no point in changing things now."* Someone said that the only people who seem to really enjoy change are babies with wet diapers!!

I cannot predict what the future holds for each of us, but I do know that whatever the Lord has for in mind for us it will involve change. How we cope with the changes that invariably come our way says a lot about our character, our integrity, and our faith in God. My encouragement and advice is simple...**Trust Him**...not only for where you are now – but for wherever you find yourself in the future. Always remember:

“The God who is behind us is always greater than the changes and challenges that lie in front of us!!!”

We need to learn to trust God through the inevitable changes that we will go through in our lives. Romans 8:28 tells us, ***“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”***

The times may be a-changin' ...but God's promises remain constant!