

But God Changes Everything Part 2

(Deuteronomy 4:9 MSG) Just make sure you stay alert. Keep close watch over yourselves. Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren.

Far From God's Best

✓ Fearful

✓ Broken

✓ Sinful

✓ Powerless

(Ephesians 4:18 NLT) They wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

But God

(Psalm 73:26 NIV) My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

1. We wander but God finds us.

(Ephesians 2:3-5 NLT) All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

2. We're wounded but God heals us.

(Psalm 147:3 ESV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

(Matthew 8:5-8 NIV) When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

3. We're insecure but God gives us confidence.

(Psalm 139:14 NIV) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

(2 Corinthians 3:4-6 NASB) Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

4. We don't have enough but God provides for us.

(Philippians 4:12 NIV) I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

(Philippians 4:13 NKJV) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:14 NIV) Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

(Philippians 4:19 NKJV) And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.