

## **No Change**

### **Ready:**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

-James 1:17

### **Set**

Just before the start of the 2004 baseball spring training, St. Louis Cardinals' slugger Albert Pujols signed a seven-year, \$100 million contract with the team. After hitting like no other major league ballplayer in history in his first three seasons, the Cardinals wanted to make sure he remained in St. Louis for many years to come. Pujols assured them that, "The money ... won't change the way I play baseball."

There are many times in life when outside influences tempt us to compromise our character. Things like money, power and fame even in little doses can bring about greed, immorality and pride in our lives that puts distance between us and God.

Fortunately for us, God's character never changes. His love is limitless. His faithfulness lasts forever. His righteousness remains unchanged. His mercy is everlasting. His grace is eternally sufficient. His word is always trustworthy. (Are you starting to get the picture?)

Today, I encourage you to reflect and focus on God's unchanging character, that you might follow Him more passionately.

### **Go**

1. When have outside influences caused you to compromise your character?
2. How have you witnessed God's unchanging character in your life?
3. How does the fact that God's character never changes make you feel?

### **Workout**

Hebrews 13:8

1 Samuel 15:29

Psalms 102:25-27

Malachi 3:6

### **Bible Reference:**

James 1



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