

Reflections:

Change is a Constant

Goodbye 2016 and welcome 2017!

Many of us would like to close 2016 with nice memories and receive 2017 with new dreams and aspirations. For some of us, we feel that the years passed quickly after we turned 21 years old. Many others felt younger everyday even after turning 60 years old.

Is age just a digit to determine our state of mind and heart for living the life we have? Is our love for God limited by the years of toil and service, only to realise that we do not know God well? Have we neglected praying each time we face a challenge or giving thanks to God as often because we forget that all things are from our God, Jesus Christ?

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1: 2-4

Is Change really a Constant?

Everything around us is moving fast and furious. Most of the time we will go with the flow of events to live the life, hopefully praying and seeking God in all that we do as well. Do we embrace change then since it should be part and parcel of our life? Yes, we should because this is life?

Before I become too philosophical and my melancholic nature takes over, yes, change is a constant. We grow old and mature every day. Our hair grows a little every time and our body changes every day. Change is already a constant from the beginning of time!

It is a matter of perspective?

It is a perspective that we have and can choose to have. I received this sharing from my Cell group and think that it is apt for this article.

Worries at the start of the day means You are still alive.
Clothes that don't fit means You have a good appetite.

Tears in your eyes means There is somebody you care for.
The mess to clean after party means You have friends around you.
Roof that needs fixing means You have got a house.
Taxes to pay means You are not unemployed.
Message on your mobile means There is somebody who remembers you.
Let's be optimistic in life, because Everything around you Happens for a reason.
Keep Smiling When you Run alone It's called RACE.
When GOD Runs with you It's called GRACE.

What did I choose to think about throughout the days of my life? Do I focus on the glass half full or half empty? As I reflected and prayed to God, I am conscious that when we run the race fast or slow, doing more or less for God, God would not change His Love for us.

He gave us life to live the life He wants us with Him. He gave up the life of His Son, Jesus, on the Cross so that we might live. What do you want to do in the New Year? I am praying about it too.

Does God change and is His Love a Constant?

No, He does not change. His Love for us will always be the same.

As I sat in the Multi-Purpose Hall on 18 December 2016 attending the service at the New Jurong Christian Church building, I recalled a time as a young girl when I was staying in Toa Payoh. I heard worship songs streaming through the living room windows every Sunday. Then, I did not know what the people in the Church were doing.



Now, when I think back, how life works out differently for every one of us! It is amazing how God works, isn't it?

As I proceeded to the Main Hall for the Lord's Supper, I saw that our new church building is looking really good. Most importantly, let's continue to focus

on God as we continue our race with Him because He first loved us regardless of where we are and the venue we worship Him.



We are not bound by what we have or what we do not have. We are not judged by what we can or cannot do. It is a journey with God where we embrace our life through giving thanks and continue to rely on Him in all that we do. I am still praying.

This is not a new message or something that we have not heard. It is a reminder and encouragement for all of us to remember that Jesus is the love of our life and the focus should be on Him.

For me, we are constantly changing for the better in Christ where His Love has always been there for us through the years of change. Change is a Constant but God's love will always be the same for us throughout our lives. Stay strong, my brothers and sisters-in-Christ!

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*God is good
all the time,
all the time
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