

## 10 Unchangeables

### 1. My Physical Features and Capacities

- Nose
- Mouth
- Size
- Complexion
- Ears
- Hair
- Hands
- Birthmarks
- Eyes
- Scars
- Feet
- Skin color
- Chin
- Face
- Health
- Handicaps
- Bone structure
- Athletic ability
- Height
- Metabolism

**Ps 100:3** Know that the LORD, He [is] God; [It is] He [who] has made us, and not we ourselves; [We are] His people and the sheep of His pasture.

**Ps 139:13-16** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully [and] wonderfully made...

**Is 44:24** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I [am] the LORD, who makes all [things,] Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself"

**Is 64:8** But now, O LORD, You [are] our Father; We [are] the clay, and You our potter; And all we [are] the work of Your hand.

**John 9:1-3** Now as [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

**Rom 9:20-21** But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed [it,] "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

### 2. My Parents and Ancestors

- Their spiritual condition
- Their health problems
- Their economic level
- Their successes and failures

### 3. My Brothers and Sisters

- Natural brothers and sisters
- Adopted brothers and sisters
- The characteristics of each
- Attitudes of each
- Health, abilities
- Relationship to

### 4. My Ethnicity and National Heritage

- Unique characteristics
- Their response to God
- Their economic condition
- Response from others
- Their response to the Bible
- Their political enemies

**Acts 17:24-26** "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

**Gen 11:5-9** But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ...

**Deut 32:8** When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples ...

**Job 12:23** He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them.

### 5. My Mental Abilities

- Natural aptitudes
- Learning experiences
- Spiritual Gifts
- Mental limitations
- Talents and skills
- Passions

Craftsmen for the temple (Ex 28:3; 31:3)

Spiritual gifts – Romans 12, 1 Cor 12

David – athletics, music, shepherding, warfare, writing

### 6. My Time in History

- Closer to Christ's return
- Growing apostasy
- Political environment
- Greater temptations
- Increase in knowledge
- Events

### 7. My Gender (Male or Female)

- Physical characteristics
- Design responsibilities
- Emotional differences
- Limitations

### 8. My Birth Order

- The special characteristics of my position in the family
- The responsibilities I have because of my birth order
- *Danger*: Putting too much into birth order. These are general characteristics, not a mandate to make them come to pass!

### 9. My Aging Process

- Wrinkles
- Gray hair
- Fewer days
- Poor eyesight
- Poor hearing
- Decaying teeth
- Weakness
- Brittle bones
- Thinning hair

**Eccl 12:1-6** Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them"

**2 Cor 12:7-10** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

### 10. My Time of Death

**Ps 90:12** The days of our lives [are] seventy years; And if by reason of strength [they are] eighty years, Yet their boast [is] only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

**Ps 39:4-5** LORD, make me to know my end, And what [is] the measure of my days, [That] I may know how frail I [am.] Indeed, You have made my days [as] handbreadths, And my age [is] as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state [is] but vapor. Selah