

**Change is inevitable, growth is optional. John Maxwell**

**We cannot grow spiritually unless we embrace change.**

**God often uses change to change our perspective to get in line with His.**

**Why do you think it is so hard to accept change?**

**God uses change to challenge us when we are comfortable.**

*Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp." 2 Kings 6:8*

*The man of God sent word to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there." 2 Kings 6:9*

*The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus, he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, more than once or twice. 2 Kings 6:10*

*Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 2 Kings 6:11*

*One of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 2 Kings 6:12*

*So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in Dothan." 2 Kings 6:13*

*He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 2 Kings 6:14*

**God uses change to confront our fears and develop our faith.**

*Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 2 Kings 6:15*

*So, he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 2 Kings 6:16*

*Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17*

**God uses change to change the way we pray.**

*When they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Strike this people with blindness, I pray." So, He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 2 Kings 6:18*

*Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria. 2 Kings 6:19*

*When they had come into Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So, the Lord opened their eyes and they saw; and behold, they were amid Samaria. 2 Kings 6:20*

**God uses change to gain insight to His perspective.**

*Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?" 2 Kings 6:21*

*He answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." 2 Kings 6:22*

*So, he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel. 2 Kings 6:23*