

August 30

James 1:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)** ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

We have begun another school year, and with it come more challenges as we face more unknowns. COVID is still a concern, so administrators and teachers must make arrangements for an event that may or may not happen. In addition, new requirements have added to the workload, requiring more reports. As I was speaking with a good friend, I mentioned that years ago, when I started teaching, they gave me my books, took me to my room, and said teach. The process seemed much simpler then as I was able to find my way with the help of my fellow teachers. However, today, the teaching process has changed dramatically from my first days, making the process more complicated.

I have heard many times that change is inevitable, and that is true. When Wayne and I went on our backpacking trips, we were out of touch for days on end, and we never gave it a thought. Today, we are in constant contact with others through technology. Change is inevitable, but it can make life more complicated because we are constantly making adjustments. However, as our world is changing daily, we can find peace in knowing that our faith is founded on the Rock Who will never change. The Lord our God will never change. He does not come and go like the shadows. His Word is not affected by progressive wisdom, by the whims of people, or by our changing morals. Therefore, when we read His Word, we can find peace and comfort in knowing that we will not have to change positions next year. Unlike the teaching profession, our walk with Jesus will not be affected by the world; it will not adapt or change. Thus, we can concentrate on our growth and our relationship with Jesus, Who is the same yesterday (as He was with the disciples), today (as He is with us,) and forever (as He will be in Heaven.) In this truth we find peace and stability.