

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Anchors of the Soul

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Scripture--Various, Hebrews 6:17-20 shown

*“17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the **unchangeable** character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two **unchangeable** things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, **a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain**, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 6:17-20*

Main Idea--God's Unchangeable Character and Decrees Anchor Our Life with Him

Seven Things That Do Not and Will Not Change:

- #1 God never changes--Malachi 3:6
- #2 God's name never changes Psalm 135:13
- #3 God's word never changes--Psalms 119:89
- #4 What God values never changes--Mark 12:28-34 cf Deuteronomy 6 and Leviticus 19
- #5 The fact that there are but two eternal destinies never changes--Matthew 7:13-14
- #6 That life is short and we do not know how long our life will be--James 4:14-17
- #7 God will not change his mind about me--Malachi 3:6

Life's changes and disappointments reveal ways in which we have placed our hope on things, people, circumstances that are variable. Hope in God is an anchor for our soul.

Application--

1. Can you give some examples of things you were hoping in this year that turned into disappointments?
2. How are you and those you love and lead handling this season of disappointments?
3. Maybe none of the seven unchangeables mentioned in this message is new to you--but which of them did you need to be freshly reminded of?
4. How would you describe the extent to which your soul is securely anchored? Strongly, Generally, Sporadically, Weakly?