

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD DOESN'T CHANGE

**Key Verse: Malachi 3:6 (NLT)**

I am the LORD, and I do not change.

Key Verse: Psalm 33:11 (NIV)

*But the plans of the LORD stand firm for ever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.*

GOD DOESN'T CHANGE

The main villain of the movie *The Incredibles* was a character called Syndrome. He hated Mr Incredible and hatched a plot that would take out not only Mr Incredible but all the other superheroes too. He was really bad. But he didn't start off that way. He started off wanting to be Mr Incredible's sidekick 'Incrediboy'. The only trouble was that he caused more problems than he solved and Mr Incredible had to turn him away. This made him really angry and he turned into Syndrome. So what happened? His character changed. He started out as good but he became bad.

People can change. Sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. In fact, we change every day, don't we? We're always changing, always becoming... taller, older, in my case balder! But God doesn't change. He'll never be any more holy, any more loving, any more faithful, because he already is all of those things, limitlessly.

Last week we spoke about how God is good. Well, if God doesn't change then God is always good. It's not like he can get any better, he's already all-good. Unlike Syndrome, there's nothing that could happen to turn him from good to bad.

SOMETHING TO DO

If you haven't seen it before, why not watch *The Incredibles* together?



God doesn't change in himself, in His perfections, in his purposes, or in his promises. We often change our plans, don't we? I'm always making plans and breaking plans. But when God plans to do something, he does it.

The Bible is stacked full of God's promises. If God has promised something then he means it! Have you ever promised to do something and then not done it? Has anyone ever done that to you? It doesn't feel nice does it? Well, because God doesn't change, he will never take back one of his promises. Samuel spoke about this once when he said 'He... does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a human being, that he should change his mind' (1 Samuel 15:29, NIV). God doesn't change.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- How does it make you feel to know that God doesn't change?
- What promise from the Bible can you trust him for today?

**PRAYER**

Lord, thank you that you don't change. Thank you that when you promise something, you do it. Amen.