

“The Winds of Change”

[1 John 5:11](#), [John 17:15](#)

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Usually our lives have a rhythm that we grow accustomed to. But then, unexpectedly, the winds of change blow through. Life remains the same, then it all changes. So it is for us today and so it was for the 12 disciples who loved and followed Jesus. They had grown used to being the followers of Jesus. But all that changed! Within days, Jesus was arrested and died on the cross. Judas, one of the 12 disciples died in disgrace. Then they heard rumors that Jesus was resurrected, alive again! And then, after some weeks of getting used to Jesus in his resurrected body, Jesus said a loving good bye to them all and ascended into Heaven to be with God.

That was an awful lot of change for the disciples! There are some sure things in life and one of them is that things will change.

Elizabeth woke up and felt like something was about to change for her. Actually, a lot already has changed! First Aunt Gertrude came to live with them and Elizabeth gave up her bedroom to Aunt Gertrude. Now this is Elizabeth’s room. And then her aunt was in the hospital, gravely ill with neck fatigue. And now, thanks to that special growing thread transplant from Barabas, Aunt Gertrude is healed and back living with them again. That is a lot of changes for a seven year old giraffe! Elizabeth will soon learn that the winds of change are still blowing. . .

“Good Morning Elizabeth” her mother said as she came into the room and opened the curtains. Then her mommy . . . sat down on the bed beside her. Elizabeth felt the winds of change coming.



“Now that Aunt Gertrude is all better, your father and I have planned our trip to Tanzania. We’ll be leaving next week. We had postponed it last month when your aunt became ill, but the doctors say she is back to normal now and she will be staying with you while we are away.”

“Ohhhhhhhh!!!!” Elizabeth cried out. And then she buried her head in her pillow. Her mommy sat quietly while Elizabeth grew used to the winds of change. Then her mommy began to rub Elizabeth’s back. It was a way she gives comfort to her little girl and silently say “I love you!”

After awhile, Elizabeth peeked out from under the pillow and her mommy didn’t notice because she was looking around Elizabeth’s bedroom. So Elizabeth quickly hid under the pillow again and just enjoyed feeling her mommy rubbing her back. But then Elizabeth couldn’t resist and she peeked out from under the pillow again and her mommy was looking straight at her. They both giggled and then they hugged.

“I know it is important for you to go to Tanzania,” Elizabeth said dutifully. “Aunt Gertrude and I will be fine here. But I will miss you!”

Her mommy patted her on the rump and said “Get dressed and come down for French Toast!” “Yum!” Elizabeth said as she jumped out of bed.

When Jesus left the disciples, when He ascended into Heaven, He did not leave them alone. He taught them about the Holy Spirit who would now be God’s presence in their life. Jesus prayed for his disciples. He asked God to always watch over them and to protect them from evil. Jesus left the Holy Spirit in charge kind of like how Elizabeth’s mommy and daddy have left Aunt Gertrude in charge.

And so the winds of change blow. You know, I said that there is one thing for sure, that things will change. However, there is another thing for sure . . . GOD ALWAYS LOVES US. He has sent His Son and His Holy Spirit to show that Love. The winds of change will NEVER move God’s love away from us!

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