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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Pt. 1:24-25 For, *“All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the LORD endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you. (NIV)*

The apostle Peter is making reference to a passage in Isaiah 40. He is reminding people in the church, that all that we can do in and of our own strength will certainly fade away. It reminds me of the way David put it in **Ps. 103:15-18** *The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. (NIV)*

But conversely, everything that the LORD says and does will last forever. There is such stability and security in this very fact. We do not serve a God Who is always changing His mind. Instead, what He says He will do, He will do. What He has put into place will last forever. His word is right and just and trustworthy.

I used to know a person that was always changing his mind. He would say one thing and then do another. You never knew whether you could rely on what he had said he would do. It is frustrating and difficult to develop a relationship of trust with a person like this. In fact, it is almost impossible. We all need to know that the LORD and His word will never change. When we base our faith on Him and this fact about Him, we can rest assured that what He has said, He will make good on it. And we can then share that word with others because it is verified by the LORD Himself.

Dear LORD, Your Word will endure forever. We can trust and follow You with no fear for the future. Help us to keep Your covenant and remember to obey Your precepts. In Jesus Name, Amen