

# Forever

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The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But *the word* of our God stands forever."  
Isaiah 40:8 New King James Version

We live in an ever-changing world. Stock market investments change faster than the weather in springtime. Fashion trends last about a year, we change jobs every 4.2 years and the average marriage in American lasts only 4-5 years. Even long-standing friendships are a rare occurrence today as people are more likely to de-friend someone rather than putting work into the relationship to work out their differences.

Imagine a god that abandons us as when we don't measure up, live up to certain expectations or gets bored or tired of us. I am so glad God isn't like that. I think of all my failures, the ways I let people down and the times I've turned my back on God. I am grateful that He was always be there for me and always will be, no matter what I've done or how unfaithful I have been. There is nothing I can do to keep God from still standing with me. He is crazy in love with me. He will never abandon me, never fail me and never let me down.

But... you are thinking...*nothing* lasts forever...right?

Well, consider God's word. The oldest part of the Old Testament was discovered in 1985 by Israeli archeologist Gabriel Barkay in the old city of Jerusalem. The text from Numbers 6:24-26 was engraved on a silver amulet that was probably worn as a bracelet or necklace from 6-7 BC. The amulet text reads:

“The LORD bless you  
and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.”

Just when you think it doesn't get any better than a God who is madly in love with us, that he will be our forever friend, he is the only stability in a world gone crazy and the anchor in our storm, we discover God has a name, Jesus. He is *the Word* that was with God in the beginning and He is *the Word* that will stand forever.

In the beginning was *the Word*, and *the Word* was with God, and *the Word* was God.  
John 1:1 New International Version

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.  
Hebrews 13:8 New International Version

In a constantly changing world, may you find the only source that is the same yesterday, today and forever...Jesus.