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Cheese Abides; Malls Morph

(Separating the never-changing from the ever-changing)
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“Then Moses cried out to the LORD, ‘What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me. The LORD answered Moses, ‘Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. **Strike the rock**, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.’ So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.” (Exodus 17:4-6 NIV)

“Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. **Speak to that rock** before their eyes and it will pour out its water. . . . Then Moses raised his arm and **struck the rock twice** with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.’” (Numbers 20:8-12 NIV)

THE MALL; ever-changing

The **plans** we make.

“Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.” (Proverbs 19:21 NIV)

The **people** we know.

The **priorities** we pursue.

CHEESE; never-changing

God's **purposes** never change.

“The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.” (Psalm 33:10-11 NIV)

God's **power** never changes.

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.” (Romans 1:16 NIV)

God's **promises** never change.

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)

God's **priorities** never change.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” (Luke 19:10 NLT)

God's **principles** never change.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Mark 13:31 NIV)

God's **passion** never changes.

“**Love never fails**. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. . . . When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. **And now these three remain**: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:8-13 NIV)