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*“For I am the LORD, I do not change.”
~ Malachi 3:6a (NKJV)*

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“EXCUSE ME! You gave me the WRONG MEDICINE! My pills were ALWAYS ROUND and these look like FOOTBALLS!” She firmly planted herself at the pharmacy counter, stretching her neck to look for me. Her accusation was so loud (imagine George Costanza’s mother from Seinfeld), I was sure she had dragged a portable sound system into the pharmacy. *Great. Now every customer in the store is wondering if their prescriptions were filled correctly.* Then came the inevitable knot in my stomach because a dispensing error certainly wasn’t out of the realm of possibility. We’re not perfect, thanks to Adam and Eve and the serpent. I took a deep breath, said a little prayer, and went out to face the fumes of a woman who was probably already calling her lawyer and having malpractice charges brought against me.

Whew. A sigh of relief and a big Hallelujah. It was just a different manufacturer of Metoprolol – we had recently switched companies from Actavis to Mylan. I explained the manufacturer change and gave her the “Same medication, different company” speech. Then I respectfully pointed out the neon green sticker on her Rx vial which she clearly never read: “This is the same medication you have been getting. Color, size, and shape may appear different.” I reassured her that the footballs are indeed Metoprolol Succinate Extended Release 50mg – I even brought out the giant stock bottle to show her the pills inside. Her accusations quickly turned into apologies, her hostility changed to humility, and her scathing grimace changed to a sheepish grin.

We’re usually very open-minded about new things... as long as they’re exactly like the old ones, LOL. The change of Metoprolol manufacturers wasn’t a life-altering event. Our world has endured far more drastic changes: in Politics. In the health care industry. In the economy. In fashions and hairstyles. Technology changes faster than we can keep up with it. Every September 11 we reflect upon the tragic day that changed our country (and my life) forever.

But God is perfect... *and* God is immutable. He does *not* change. Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV) says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Rejoice in that truth! Rejoice that His Word, His perfect will, His character, His nature, and His standards will never change. Because if God *could* change, then He would no longer be perfect, right? If something perfect

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changes, it can only change for the worse – it can't become *more* perfect. With God, there's no such thing as "new and improved". He doesn't change His formulary of covered sins. And unlike iPhones, God doesn't release an updated version of Himself every year.

And yet, the Almighty God who *does not* change, wants to *change us* – to make us more like Him. "We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory..." (2 Cor 3:18 NASB). Do you trust God to transform you into the image of His Son? Change can sometimes be unpleasant or even painful. So when life doesn't make sense, do you react like Mathilda Metoprolol? Jumping to conclusions and assuming God made a mistake? Or when unwanted change enters your life, do you trust that God has a plan and a purpose for it? We don't just "make it through" our trials. We are *made through* our trials. We are *made more like Christ*. We all desire to be more like Him... we even pray to be more like Him. But do we trust God *to do whatever it takes* to make us more like Him?

Instead of always asking God to change our circumstances, let's try asking Him to change our heart. *Lord, help me to display less anger and more compassion... less judgment and more mercy... less criticism and more encouragement. Less of me and more of You.* And in our Ever-Changing world and our Ever-Changing circumstances, may we always trust our Never-Changing God and His Never-Changing ways.

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