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SOOO SLOW!

“I will put a new spirit in them. I will take away that heart of stone, and I will put a real heart in its place.”

EZEKIEL 11:19 ERV

Imagine seeing nothing around you but massive sheets of ice!

Brrr! That’s exactly what you’ll find in parts of Alaska, Greenland, and other places. They’re called glaciers (GLEEY-shez), and they can stretch out for miles. Glaciers are masses of snow and ice that form where the snow falls

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faster than it can melt. Over hundreds of years, all that snow is pressed together into slabs that can be more than 1,500 feet thick.

You might not know it, but glaciers actually move. Gravity pulls them down the mountains. But don’t expect to see one zooming by—if you think turtles move slow, check out the speed of a glacier. Some only move an inch or two a day. The fastest moving one is in Greenland, and it moves less than eight miles a year. If you were to drive that “fast” across the US, it would take about 365 years!

Glaciers move pretty slow, but sometimes hearts can seem to move even slower. I don’t mean how fast they beat; I’m talking about how they change. Maybe you’ve been smiling at that grouchy neighbor for weeks and still haven’t gotten a smile back. Or you say hello to that grumpy kid on the bus every day, and he still won’t say hi back. Or maybe you’ve been telling your friend about Jesus for ages, but she still won’t come to church. Don’t give up. Don’t stop loving or caring or trying. God is using your kindness to move and change other people’s hearts—even when it’s happening slower than a glacier moves.

There’s a 400-foot “ice ship” off the coast of Antarctica. You can check it out on Google Maps at $66^{\circ}54'18.2''S$ $163^{\circ}13'37.0''E$ using the satellite view. What’s a ship doing out there? Some crazy theories say it belongs to Nazis or aliens. But NASA says it’s probably a weirdly shaped iceberg and an example of *pareidolia* (per-eye-DOL-yuh). That’s when people see shapes where they don’t really exist—like seeing castles or ponies in the clouds.

Lord, I know Your love can move mountains. Help me trust that You are working even if I don't see anything change around me. Amen.