



CHANGING THE STARS

God is working in you to help you want to do what pleases him. Then he gives you the power to do it.

— PHILIPPIANS 2:13 ICB

About 37 light-years away from Earth is a star called Arcturus (ark-TOO-rus). It is a red giant star that scientists believe is nearly 25 times the size of our Sun. Arcturus is one of the brightest stars that we can see in our night sky. It is so bright that it shines 115 times more light than our Sun. But

Arcturus is changing. As it slowly burns up its outer layers, it is being changed into a much, much smaller white dwarf star.

Now think about this: If God can change a star that is 25 times bigger than our Sun (and our Sun is so huge it would hold more than 1 million Earths), just imagine what He can do with you! Because as awesome as changing a star is, the change that God is working inside you is even more amazing.

God is like a potter, and you are His lump of clay—a very precious and wonderful lump of clay. Each day He shapes and changes you. He uses His Word, the people around you, and the things that happen in your life to teach you to do what pleases Him. Like doing what’s right when you just want to pretend nothing is wrong. And being brave when you’d rather hide. And having peace even though everything seems to be going wrong. God is changing you to be like Jesus—and that’s the greatest change of all.

Dear Lord, change isn’t always easy or fun. But I trust You to change me and make me more like Jesus.

HOW GREAT!

On a clear night, if you look up into the sky, you can find a group of stars called the Big Dipper. Look for three stars in a row—they form a sort of curved handle. Then look for four more stars off to the side—they form a sort of bowl. The “bowl” together with the “handle” make up the Big Dipper. Now imagine that that curved handle just kept curving on around—that curve will lead you right to Arcturus!

