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- Opening prayer / praise reports
- FCCI membership and outreach
- Today's topic: **Coping with Change**

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” --Romans 12:2

Change = to make or become different; alter; exchange; replace; modify; mutate; transform

When I think back on my career spanning four decades, how things (and people) have changed! When I compare the day I started the business with today, how things have changed! The pace of change has accelerated and widened. It can be exhilarating or exhausting, or a blend of both.

During the holidays, I was given two books: *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly and *Being George Washington* by Glenn Beck. I quickly read both, and loved them. History came alive! In both instances, these Godly men were “change agents” in profound ways. The Lord gave them both deep convictions about where America needed to go, and gave them the vision, courage and wisdom to persevere through many years of trials and tribulations. We meet here today as beneficiaries of their obedience.

As you look ahead into 2012 and beyond, what is it that's changing--or that needs to change--in your life and business? For some of us, such as Pieter, 2012 appears to be a year of dramatic change. For others, the change will be more subtle. Regardless of the scope of change:

- Who is the source of the change? Are you getting your guidance from the Lord?
- What is it that the Lord is telling you to should change?
- Where are changes to be made?
- Why are changes to be made?
- When will changes be made?
- How will changes be made?

These are hard questions with hard answers. Change should not be implemented lightly or flippantly. But to avoid change, to resist change, to detest change, is living in denial. There's a Godly approach!

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of coping with change?.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by coping better to change?										
What specific actions can you take to better cope with change?										

- Upcoming meetings/events/news
- Closing prayer