

Six Strong Anchors for Life's Stormy Seas

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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Reading: Acts 27:14-44

On the way to Rome to meet his fate, the Apostle Paul faced a life-threatening storm; but, he, unlike the men with him, never panicked. He remained anchored in the midst of the storm, for he was a child of God; man on a mission to preach the Gospel (Acts 9:15); man of faith; and, in fellowship with God. When Paul's men panicked, he shared with them his Strong Anchors for Life's Stormy Seas.

St. Paul's Six Strong Anchors for Life's Stormy Seas

1. Presence of God (Acts 27:23, Mt. 28:20).

- God is everywhere (omnipresent). Hence, God is also with us in the midst of our own raging storms.
- In the midst of storms, pray and do not be anxious so that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds (Phil. 4:6-7). Remember, where two or more pray together for the same thing, in His name, He is present (Mt. 18:20).
- Amidst storms, always remember that the Lord would never leave us (Heb. 13:5), and His presence will always comfort us (Ps. 23:4).
- As we go through life's storms, we should learn to meditate, talk, and listen to God.

2. Promises of God (Acts 27:24-25, Rom. 4:21).

- God's promises are based on the Word of God. It is eternal and it stands firm in the heavens.
- a. Though we enjoy God's blessings, we will be persecuted. Truly, we are blessed when we are persecuted, insulted, or falsely accused for the sake of righteousness (Mt. 5:10-11).
- Paul, God's chosen vessel, was persecuted just as the Lord told Ananias when He chose Paul.
- We must rejoice for we will be greatly rewarded (Mt. 5:12).

- b. All who gave up anything or anyone for the sake of God's name will inherit eternal life (Mt. 19:29).
- c. God will deliver us (Ps. 34:19).
 - Everything is for our own good. Our present sufferings are not worth compared with the glory that will be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18).
- d. God's grace is sufficient for us (2 Cor. 12:9).
- e. We will receive ultimate glory after the storm (Rev.21:4).

3. Courage from God (Acts 27:22)

- Courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to go on despite the fact that we are afraid.
- Examples of courage in the Bible: David when he fought with Goliath and Moses when he stood against the Pharaoh.

4. Providence of God

- It is a Divine guidance and protection.
- God comforts us (2 Cor. 1:3-7).
- Cling to God. He is our refuge (Is. 25:4).
- If we stay in God's care, we can be assured that His providential work in our lives will be carried out.

5. Performance of God.

- God kept His Word to Paul by saving all the people with him as He said.
- God will always perform His Word, for He is able to do everything and He is in control.

6. Protection of God (Acts. 27:23)

- Stay in the community. God is there to protect, heal, and provide for us; for He is Emmanuel (God is with us).

With these 6 anchors in our hearts and minds, like Paul, we will remain calm in the midst of storms.

Reflection: Have you set your anchors deep in the Lord?

If you have, then you can weather life's storms. If you have not, be prepared to be blown away by the winds of adversity.

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