Anchors for the Storm

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INTRODUCTION

- What's the nature of your spiritual foundation? How sturdy is your spiritual structure.
- Do you have a cracked slab spiritually?

1 The Bedrock Is Faith

Acts 16:31

- Believe in the Lord Jesus. You and your household, and you shall be saved. This is where it starts.
- This is the foundation, the undergirding, the support of all that we are in Christ. The bedrock is faith.
- It cannot be quenched, it can't be extinguished, no matter the flaming missiles that the adversary may throw our direction, no matter the pain of our circumstances.

2 Baptism Is One of Those Foundations

Romans 6:3–4; 1 Peter 1:22–23

- It's as if you're being returned to the scene of that moment of union and reminded of the significance and importance of that act.
- He is explaining to all believers the meaning of their conversion to the Lord. That you died to sin, and now you live to God.
- That point is the point that you were set apart into the Lord and his purposes. It is an anchor for you.
- We should not exalt this critical and crucial step in coming into union with Christ to the point that we neglect faith and repentance that fuels the whole process.

3 The Lord's Supper Serves as an Anchor

- The Lord's Supper further serves as an anchor, as part of the bedrock of our faith.
- A healthy, important reminder of the purification of our sins, the purpose of our lives, and the provisions of God's goodness.
- It should always be done with great seriousness and inner reflection and praise of the Savior. May it never degenerate into a habit or a ritual.

4 Remember Jesus Christ

2 Timothy 2:8

- Jesus is at the center of it all.
- You want your faith to be strong and sturdy. You must have constant reflection upon Jesus.

- His incarnation, that God became human flesh, his crucifixion, where the price was paid for our redemption, his resurrection that gives us hope, and his ascension.
- I cannot surrender my faith because I cannot circumvent those.

5 Another Anchor We Will Need Is Hope

Romans 4:18; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:24

- Another anchor that we will need in the midst of life storms is hope.
- The Lord is my shepherd. I shall have no lack. It is the realization that the Lord provides what I so desperately need, and only the Lord provides it.
- Your bank account can't do what the Lord can do. Your retirement package can't do what the Lord can do.
- In hope against hope, where there seemed to be no hope. In hope against hope. He believed.
- He says in Romans chapter 8 and verse 24 that we are saved by hope.

6 Through the Scriptures We Might Have Hope

Hebrews 6:17–19

- We, through patience and comfort and encouragement of the scriptures might have hope.
- You neglect scripture and you'll forfeit your hope.
- Spend time in the Word. This is where faith is bolstered. Neglect of the word will destroy your faith.
- This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast.

THE CHALLENGE

What's your trajectory right now? Are you going in the right direction? Are you sure?

MY NOTES