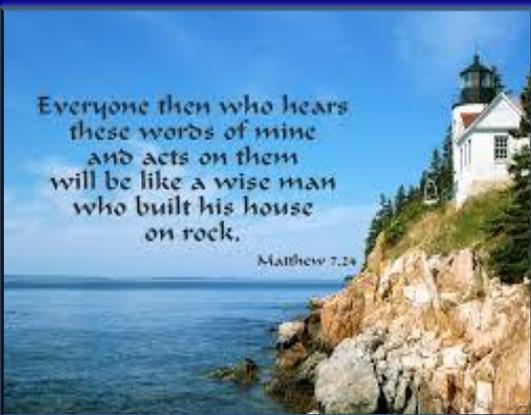


"8 Reasons Of Why We Do Not Have To Fear"

This entire chapter of Psalm 91 is filled with the goodness and power of God. Great reminders that He faithfully works on behalf of those who love Him. And at the end of it all, God gives 8 reasons of why we do not have to fear. He promises: "Because he loves Me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call on Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation." (Psalm 91:14-16) What God says: "I will rescue him..." (deliver, cause to escape) "I will protect him..." (set him on a high place) "I will answer him..." (respond to, speak) "I will be with him in trouble..." (in afflictions, in distress) "I will deliver him..." (rescue, to bring into safety) "And honor him..." (to make rich, strong, heavy with honor) "With long life will I satisfy him..." (to have abundance in the journey) "And show him my salvation." (let him see my deliverance & victory)

There is great blessing as we seek after God, and choose to walk in His ways. In the midst of great darkness in this world, living in it all without His Truth and freedom, would be like wallowing in the pit. Not much hope to be found there. The truth is, this world has been dark for generations, since sin first entered the earth at the hiss of the enemy's lies. Yet God's reminders are sure, strong, and true, assuring us that in all that we walk through in this journey, His call is always to rise above. He reminds us we're not alone. And though He never says that we won't face hard times, He does say He'll be with us in it, rescuing us, and shining His favor over us. Don't ever doubt it. God works on behalf of those who love Him and honor His name. He is so good to us. We may never fully know, this side of heaven, how very much He has sheltered us from in this life.

"On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand"



Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

Matthew 7:24

The Word of God gives stability to our lives. Jesus said that whoever listens to His Words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The storms came and the winds blew and beat upon that house. But it stood firm because it was built upon the rock. When we build our lives on the Word of God we can face any storm and still remain strong and stable.



Storms come at unexpected times in your life. You are not sent a news flash, nor radio announcement about it. They just show up and you have to weather the storm. It helps if you stay prayed up and not panic like the

disciples did. Jesus came walking on the water to meet the distressed disciples. The disciples came from all walks of life. They had no prior training on how to weather storms, but when they encountered one, they handled it the best way they knew how until Jesus showed up on the scene and just like an anchor that is used to hold a ship steady and not let it drift off, He held the disciples mind intact, the ship, and the church, for they represented the church.

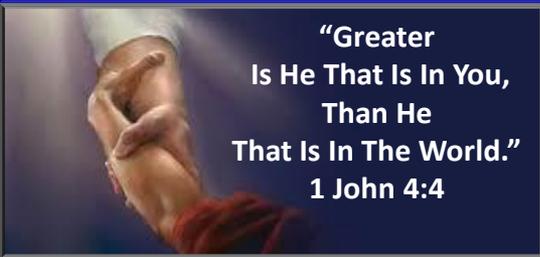
"God Is The Anchor Of Your Soul"



There are several anchors. One is called a kedge, or yachtsman anchor. It looks like a cross with an anchor attached to the bottom of it. It works well in sand and mud. Ever felt so pitiful, so down beaten and sorry for yourself and had a pity party? Ever found yourself

waddling in mud of self-pity. Thanks be to God for the anchor your soul is anchored to. The ship had a long chain and the anchor had a chain attached to the top of it, and just like Jesus, that chain was used to pull you up out of a hole or a pit. When no one else can help you, or encourage you, or speak a blessing over your life, only Jesus could pull you back. Been there, done that, won't go back. Amen. An anchor is used to keep the ship in a straight line (straight and narrow path) "For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Matthew 7:14) The chain is seven times longer than the depth of the water. This is necessary in the day when conditions are favorable, and good holding ground, but during stormy conditions (seasons in your life) you'll need longer chains or (much more grace) and in normal conditions( peaceful seasons) the chain is taunt. It is unsafe to leave a boat unattended with a taunt chain in stormy weather, things snap. Have you ever felt like snapping? That's why you are given more grace that abounds.

"The Greater One Is On The Inside Of You"



"Greater Is He That Is In You, Than He That Is In The World." 1 John 4:4

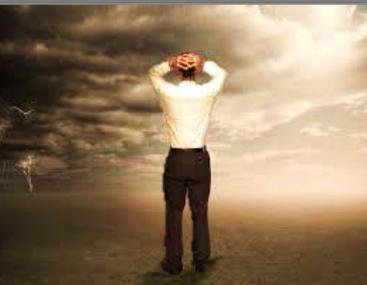
The chains weight keeps the pull on the anchor so the boat won't drift away. Have you ever felt like you were drifting away? Isaiah 53:6 spoke of this in the scriptures saying, "We like sheep have all gone astray."

Your life may seem to be in a turmoil. Things are not going well right now. You've thought about giving up, throwing in the towel, staying down for the count, but that was only a thought, planted by the enemy, to get you to give up on God and doubt Jesus and give up on yourself. It will not work. The Greater One is on the inside of you. Just in a nick of time, you feel a tug, a pull in your soul. You tried to go away and let go, to leave, but your soul couldn't let go. (Hebrews 6:18-19) "So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain..." Look at these words, HOPE, ANCHOR, SOUL, SURE, STEADFAST. These are life changing words. These are safe sailing words. You cannot sink, drift away, or fail when you are in Christ Jesus. When you let the Captain guide your life, you cannot sink, or fail. Your soul is anchored in Him and you cannot float away or drift off from Him.

"Remember It's Only A Test!"

Philippians 1:6 "Being confident in this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Hallelujah! God does not leave His work undone! That is so reassuring! We know God's Word does not pass away and if He said it you can believe it with all your heart! The verse says 'being confident...' meaning we can trust fully that God will finish what He started in you! So when those days come where it looks like things are going against what God said, stand firm in His Word. Trust Him. Remember it's only a test! Pass the test! God has given you everything you need to pass the test! All you have to do is stay focused on His Word. Remember His promise. Don't give up! Giving up is not worth it. You have come too far to turn back! Don't let the enemy take what is promised to you because you lean to your own understanding. This verse says 'He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...' stand strong in that! When you have done all you can do, Stand! Continue to be Blessed!

"Storms Of Life"



Are you experiencing any storms in your life right now? If you aren't right now, you will. Scripture is clear that trouble and trials will be a part of our life (John 16:33) "I have said this to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" (James 1:2) "My brothers and sisters,

whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord." What do we do when storms hit? What do we do when we can't see God actively working in our circumstances? In Psalm 71, the psalmist cries out to God for help. His troubles were piling up and he couldn't see God at work. If you have time, read the entire psalm. It's only 24 verses. Here, I'd like to share six things the psalmist did to stand firm on God's truth when everything around him was shaking.

"Psalm 71-6 Steps For Unshakeable Faith"

1. Ask – Express your need to God and ask for Him to intervene. "Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked" (Psalm 71:4).
2. Remember – Reflect on the ways God has worked in your life and helped you in the past. "For You have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on You" (Psalm 71:5-6).
3. Praise – Glorify God for Who He is! It will foster trust in your great God. "My mouth is filled with Your praise, declaring your splendor all day long" (Psalm 71:8).
4. Appeal – Base your request for help on God's character and faithfulness. "Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness" (Psalm 71:2).
5. Place – Put your hope and trust in God to work in your circumstances. "But as for me, I will always have hope" (Psalm 71:14).
6. Anticipate – Watch for God to work! Anticipate His deliverance! "You will increase my honor and comfort me once again" (Psalm 71:21).