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Weekly Devotional

Anchors for the Storm

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I grew up in the Midwest. Seasonal storms often turned the sky black and green like an angry bruise. I loved the thunder and lightning and did my best to play outside when it was raining. Okay, I may not be the sharpest tool in the shed. At least I'm not a chicken like my wife and her family. She too grew up in the Midwest, but their family tradition during a violent storm was to run screaming to the basement. There is one storm I do find particularly distasteful—that's a storm at sea. Even on a mammoth cruise ship, I really don't enjoy the violent rocking caused by heavy winds and high waves and I want to run around yelling, "Throw out the anchor!"

Have you ever been there? Buffeted by a storm and looking for an anchor to keep you steady? Many people try medicine, money, movies or meat, but the best source for anchors is the Word of God. In fact, in one of the shortest Psalms, you'll find some of the most stabilizing anchors. Here's the complete text of Psalm 100:

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Did you catch them? Seven incredible anchors for your storm!

- Anchor 1: The Lord He is God

The greatest revelation ever: There is a God and I'm not Him!

- Anchor 2: He made us

God doesn't make junk!

- Anchor 3: We are His people

We are in the amazingly privileged position of being His.

- Anchor 4: We are His sheep

He leads us and provides for us because He is the Good Shepherd.

- Anchor 5: The Lord is good

This anchor alone will get you through any storm!

- Anchor 6: His mercy is everlasting

This anchor will get you through any failure.

- Anchor 7: His truth endures forever

This anchor is perfect for those moments of confusion.

So, the next time the sky turns black and green, don't run for the basement (if you're on land) or run for the lifeboats (if you're on the sea). Just throw out one or all of these anchors! Pray about them, praise God for them, memorize them, confess them and you'll be steady in any storm.

Prayer: God, You are my anchor. You keep me safe and secure. You are holding on to me. I will hold on to You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Point to Ponder: What have I been using to steady myself during the storm I'm in?



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