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August 25, 2024

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What to do when you are in a storm?

1. Surround yourself with right Godly _____ that will strengthen you.

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Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

2. Look for unnecessary _____ in your life and get rid of them. Travel light.

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Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, **let us strip off every weight that slows us down**, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because

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Joshua 1:8-9 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

4. Put down the anchor of _____.

Acts 27:29 Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped **four anchors** from the stern and prayed for daylight.

Hebrews 6:18-20 So **God has given both his promise and his oath**. These two things are unchangeable because it is **impossible for God to lie**. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as **we hold to the hope** that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy **anchor for our souls**. It leads us through the curtain into **God's inner sanctuary**. Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Romans 4:18-19 Even when there was **no reason for hope**, Abraham **kept hoping**—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb.

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