



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

God Family Country

Lord and Anchor

Speaker: Shane Condon

Highlighted Scripture

Matthew 12:29 (NIV)

“How can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.”

Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Matthew 12:25 (NIV)

“Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.”

Hebrews 6:18 (NIV)

“...it is impossible for God to lie.”

Discussion Questions

- 1. The speaker emphasized that order matters — Jesus’ authority comes before peace. Why do you think we often seek peace before surrender instead of after it?**
- 2. The anchor imagery assumes connection to something solid. What are some things people commonly try to anchor themselves to that feel stable but actually aren’t?**

- 3. Jesus said a divided household cannot stand. What are subtle ways a divided heart can show up in everyday life, even for believers?**
- 4. The devotional described the “strong man” as fear, worry, doubt, or self-reliance. How can these quietly take authority in our lives without us realizing it?**
- 5. The speaker said peace isn’t something we chase when Jesus is Lord – it’s something we stand on. How would that change the way you respond to stress, conflict, or uncertainty this week?**

Reflection Challenge

This week, ask yourself honestly:

- Have I surrendered every area of my life to Jesus’ authority?**
- Am I anchored in Christ, or in habits, control, or comfort?**
- What would it look like to let His promises—not my fear—set the tone?**

Remember:

- ★ Authority comes before peace**
- ★ An anchor only holds when it’s secured**
- ★ God’s promises do not change**

Prayer

Jesus,

**Thank You for being both my Lord and my anchor.
I invite You into every part of my life, even the places I try to control.
Help me surrender fear, worry, and self-reliance, and trust fully in Your authority.**

Anchor my heart in Your unchanging promises and give me peace that stands firm, no matter the storm.

Teach me not just to believe in You, but to truly follow You.

Amen.

