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Daily Meditation – Tuesday October 15, 2024

The Bible says, “Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec” (Heb. 6:17-20 KJV). This anchor of the soul is both sure and stedfast. It says we have strong consolation for the hope set before us. Allow me to define hope for you. Hope is, “a confident expectation.”

I worked as a Merchant Marine and shipped out of the port of Boston for sixteen years. I traveled to forty-five countries and sailed as a boatswain. A boatswain is in charge of the entire unlicensed deck crew. These 1000 foot ships have huge anchors. My job was to drop, heave, and secure the anchors. For every 90 links of the chain, one link is painted red. The first shot there is one red link. The second shot there two red links, and so on, so you can tell how many shots of chain you have in the water or on the winch.

You walk this big anchor to the water’s edge and then put the brake on and then disengage the winch. When the captain orders the anchor to be dropped you take the brake off and when you do, dirt, mud, rust, paint start flying in every direction. You must wear safety glasses. When you heave the anchor the men hit the anchor chain with the fire hoses to wash off all the mud and debris.

We are not humans trying to have a spiritual experience. We are a spirit trying to have a human experience. David, my favorite psalmist, said it this way, “I am a stranger in the earth” (Ps. 119:19). Life throws storms and debris at us. As we go through life storms are going to come. They come if you’re in the will of God. And they come if you’re out of the will of God. Jesus said, “Let us go over to the other side” (Mk. 4:35). And the storm came and Jesus was in God’s perfect will. Storms come to distract, threaten, intimidate and to get us to abort. We don’t focus on the storms. We must fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith (see Heb. 12:2). We have strong consolation for the hope set before us. The hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins and I confess you raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!