**Part 5 – Stay the Course**

**Hold onto your anchor.**

**Hold onto your anchor.**

**Hebrews 6:12-20**

**We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

**For example, there was God’s promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying:**

**“I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.” Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.**

**Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding. God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.**

**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.**

**How do we hold on to our anchor?**

**Anchor yourself in God’s word.**

**We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

**For example, there was God’s promise to Abraham. Since there was no one greater to swear by, God took an oath in his own name, saying:**

**“I will certainly bless you, and I will multiply your descendants beyond number.” Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.**

**Romans 15:4**

**For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.**

**God keeps his word!**

**Isaiah 40:30-31**

**Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**

**As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater…**

**So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

**Anchor yourself in God’s character.**

**Now when people take an oath, they call on someone greater than themselves to hold them to it. And without any question that oath is binding.**

**God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind.**

**So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.**

**Numbers 23:19**

**God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?**

**Anchor yourself in God’s Son.**

**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 5:2-5**

**Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.**

**We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.**

**And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.**