

## SECURELY ANCHORED

*Romans 1:17* For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Faith gives to us a wonderful ability to see beyond natural appearances and to be able to see things as God sees them. When His word lives in our hearts we have the ability to live by faith. So certain do we become of these unseen eternal realities, we actually live our lives by them. As far as God is concerned there is no other way for His children to live.

If we are continually influenced by the things we see, hear and feel, we may find we are trusting God one moment and in doubt and fear the next. Stability can be ours though as we view life with all of its challenges and changes through the written, unchanging word of God. It's the difference between being tossed about on the open seas in the midst of a storm and being securely anchored in the safety of the harbour walls.

Living by simple trust in the Lord day by day means we stay prepared to deal with life's ups and downs. The apostle Paul had a heart securely anchored in God and was able to say, even though he knew from the Holy Spirit that tribulations awaited him, “None of these things move me.” (*Acts 20:17-25*) You might say, “Yes, but that was the apostle Paul, a great man of God and leader in the early church. I could never have that kind of confidence.” Yes, you can. No one has an advantage over another in the kingdom of God. Our lives and circumstances differ greatly but we all have the same Holy Spirit, our Helper, and the written word of God, upon which to stand. Paul said, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” (*1 Corinthians 11:1*)

When we choose to follow Jesus everyday and live according to the word of God, we can view life from His perspective. We may not know specific details of what lies ahead but we can know that God is working all things together for good in our lives because we love Him. (*Romans 8:28*)

With eyes of faith, we can see and walk the path God has ordained for us and, according to *Proverbs 4:18*, “...the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.”

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Rest in the knowledge of My love for you, which is constant and unchanging. Distance yourself from any thought of doubt and fear that would contradict My word. Set yourself in agreement with Me and do not allow such thoughts to remain in your mind. As you dwell on the truths of My word you will exchange your cares and concerns for My peace and prepare the way for Me to move in your life. The ground of your heart will be ready to receive the good seed of My word and it will grow and produce abundant fruit in your life.