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Will Your Anchor Hold?

As I write this, Steve, Katherine, and I are preparing to leave for a week's sailing trip in two days. As somewhat experienced sailors, we know the importance of an anchor which will hold. Setting the anchor at the end of a long day's sail is key to a restful and safe night's sleep, regardless of how the winds may blow or the waves may buffet. In the midst of a strong thunder storm, it is important to have an anchor which will hold. Even a gentle breeze can drag a sailboat whose anchor is not securely set.

Some who read this are in the midst of major life storms while others are in the gentle winds of life. Often we realize the importance of our anchor during the storms, but we may forget its importance in the breezes. What is your anchor? Hebrews 6:19 tells us "We have this HOPE as an anchor of the soul, firm and secure. . ." Romans 15:13 says "May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit." My family will be scattered across three continents this summer. I am so thankful to have as my anchor the God of HOPE which will hold each of us, wherever we may be. Maybe it is time for an anchor check for you. What is your anchor? Will your anchor hold?

De Colores!
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