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Psalm 57:1-3

Yesterday we looked at the anchor as a symbol of God's unchanging Word. We know that sailors use this device to keep a vessel from drifting and also to protect it during storms. So how does the Bible help us in stormy times?

The Word of God ...

Comforts us. It tells us that our Father will give us peace and rest when we go through trouble and carry heavy burdens. Many of the psalms were written out of David's own experiences of receiving comfort and strength from God during storms in his life, and they are a great place to start.

Reminds us that God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. Not only does the Lord know exactly where we are in our storm and what we're going through, but He's also with us in the middle of it. In fact, He has the ability to calm the storm, though He most often uses His power to bring us safely through it.

Guides us. Psalm 119:105 says, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” The psalmist assures us that the Bible shines a light as we walk, enabling us to safely move forward, step-by-step, in the right direction.

We must remember it’s not enough for a boat to simply *have* an anchor; in order to do any good, the anchor must be *utilized*. Similarly, it’s not enough to own a Bible and know, in theory, that it is full of promises. God’s Word can be effective in our life only if we read, meditate, believe, apply, and obey it. Then the anchor works every single time. We may be shaken—even a little beaten up at times—but we will ride out the storm and sail on!

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