

Anchored in Truth



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God wants us to be secure in **His truth**; His truth is anchored, or secured, in the facts that He reveals to us in the Bible. God had to give us the Bible so we could hear, know, believe and obey Him. He speaks to us through the Bible. If it was left up to us, we'd never come to know these truths. Since God never changes, these facts never change! God wants us to "hear" Him. All that we need to "hear" and know God tells us in the Bible! What we believe is anchored in what we know. What we choose and what we do is anchored in what we believe. Through the power of God the Holy Spirit, we need to hear, know, believe and obey the word of God. That is how God will secure us or anchor us in His truth! We can rest in God's truth!

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

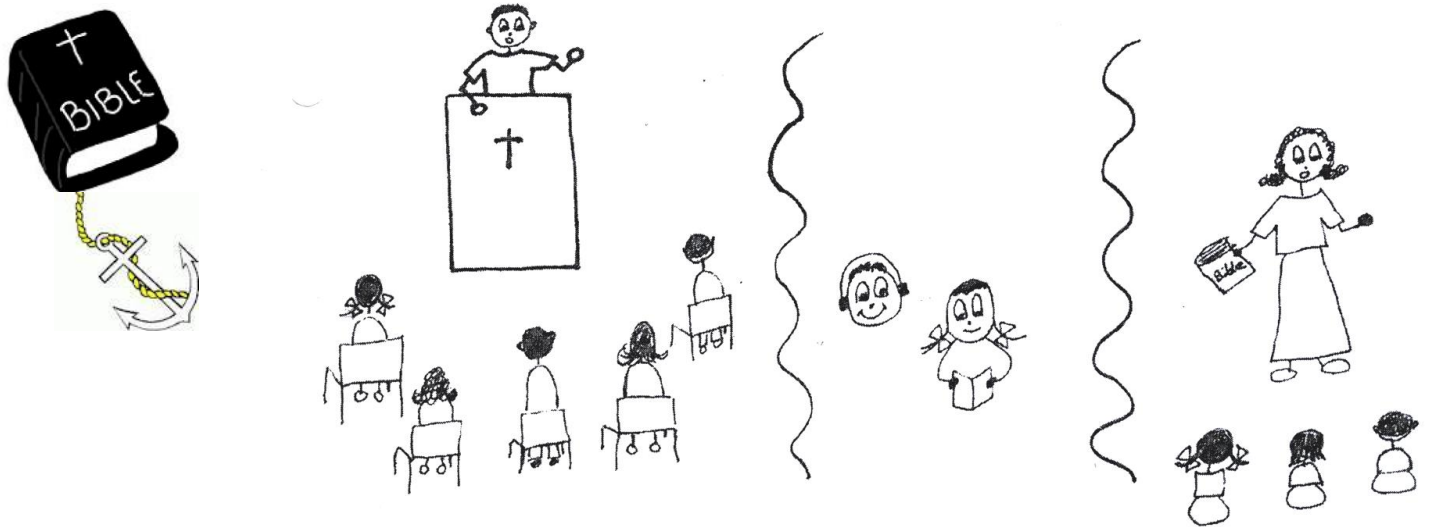


The first truth we need to know is that Jesus Christ is our Savior. *John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.* God speaks the truth, the facts, in the Bible. He knows that before we can believe His truths we need to HEAR them! Then we come to know the facts. Sometimes we need to hear again and again and again that we need a savior! We can be so stubborn that sometimes we need to be brought to our knees before we wake up and know what God the Holy Spirit is telling us - the fact that we need a savior! It is through the Spirit's power we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior! Halleluiah!

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.



After salvation we need to learn more of God's facts or truths from the Bible. These truths all start with Jesus Christ and what He has done for us and how He wants us to live. We come to know the facts by hearing them again and again and again! Finally they sink into our thick skulls. However, it is only after we experience trials and use God's solutions that we can see that they work. Sometimes we use God's truth and other times we don't. God is soooo patient with us. He knows that we must hear, know, try it out and then we can believe it works! Our enemy will try to mess up our mind; that is the time for us to consider the facts again. God's word is the truth; He never lies to us!



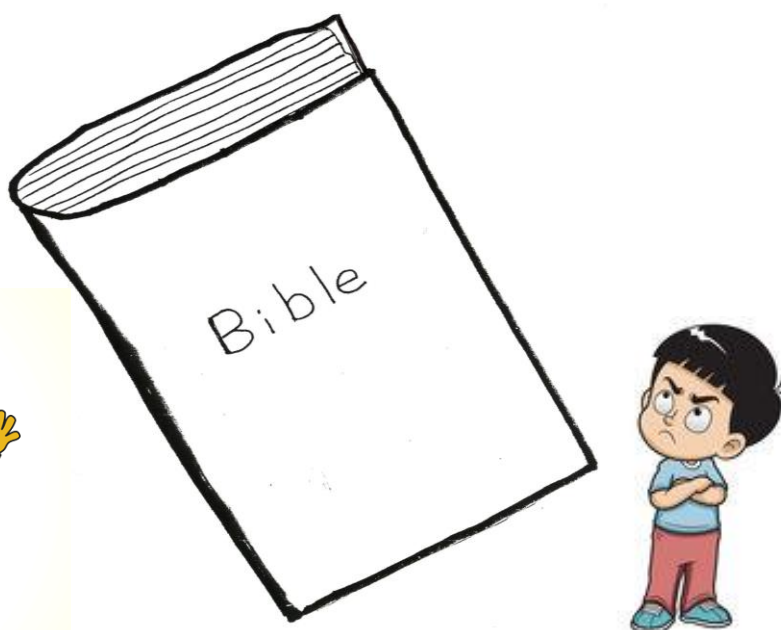
Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.



God is at work on our will! We can be very stubborn, but as I said before, God is very patient with us. How does God go about working on our will? He speaks the truth, the facts. He gives us much truth to consider in the Bible. We come to know the facts. We come to know something more than we knew before. Then we believe the facts to be true; we see God's promises work in our lives. With our own volition we choose to use our will to follow God's will! This drives Satan crazy! However, he can't change the Bible - he can't change the facts and he hates that!

Philippians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, or both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



2 Corinthians 12:8-9 Concerning this (Paul's thorn in his flesh) I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

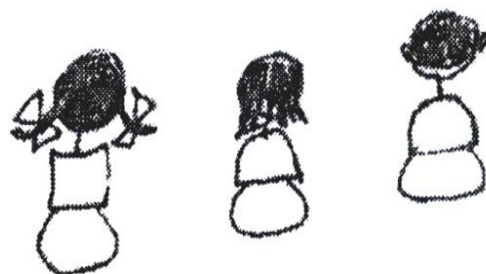
There are many times when we hear a Scripture and think, "That is good." But somehow we don't think it really applies to us. "My grace is sufficient for you." Do we really believe it? The apostle Paul was brought through **all** of his trials with God's grace! He **learned** to really believe it.

2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

God made Paul strong!
God will make us strong!
He will teach us and prepare us all along the way through life.
He will show us that His grace is sufficient for **all** of our trials!

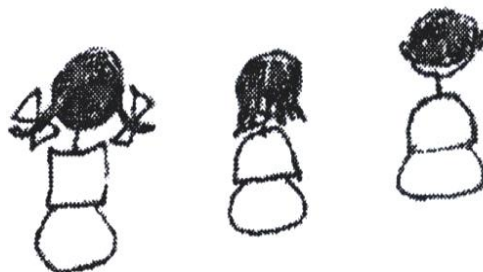


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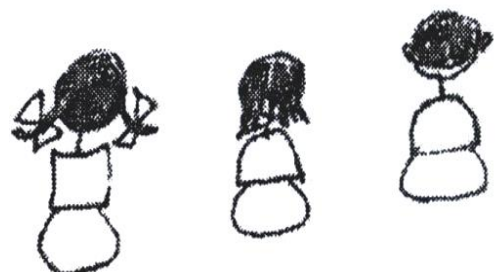
Daniel 6:22-23 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime. Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

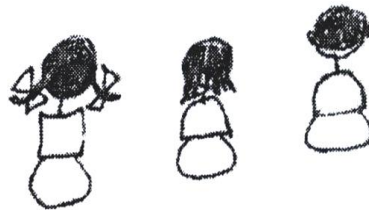
Daniel was disliked and was accused of wrongdoing according to a new law by some men under his command. The king had grown to like Daniel and didn't want to have him killed according to the law. However, the law had to be obeyed even though it was a bad law. Daniel was thrown into a lions' den. Throughout his life he had been prepared by God to face trials and he relied on God's grace. He knew that God's grace would be sufficient for him to go through the suffering of being thrown into the lions' den. God made Daniel spiritually strong!



There are many other times in the Bible where God has shown His power and grace bringing Christians through their trials. He trained them with His truths **before** giving them tests. He wanted them to hear His word, know it, believe it and use it. He wanted them to know that they could use **His power and word** to get through whatever they had to in life. And He was always with them! God is FAITHFUL! LISTEN to GOD! You don't want to miss what HE has to say! Be aware of what He has you going through - pay attention and listen to His word! He wants us listening for a reason! He is training us to use His grace and to see that it is sufficient for us to get through this life on earth! God wants us to know that in our weaknesses His grace will always be there for us! **God will make us strong with His power** and anchor us in His truth.

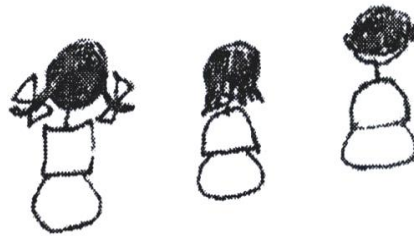
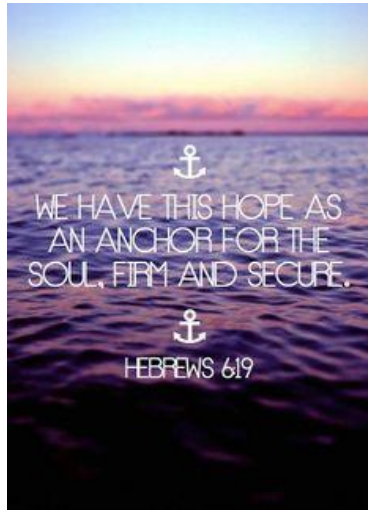
Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.





Romans 6:8-9 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.

We are to concentrate on what God HAS done for us, not on the problems we are having today. We know that we will live with Jesus Christ because we died with Him. We believe that we are always going to live with Christ forever! We can present ourselves to God because we know and believe the facts He has given us. Because we know something about Christ, we believe something about us. We see ourselves in Christ, alive from the dead ones, and that means we, like Him, are alive to God in Christ Jesus! We are enabled by that fact to live a certain way - we can obey God! We are anchored in His truth!



Song: Because He Lives

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Romans 10-11 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.