

Jesus Christ Is My Anchor. (May be used as a play.)

Play Characters: Captain, 1st mate, and 2nd mate.



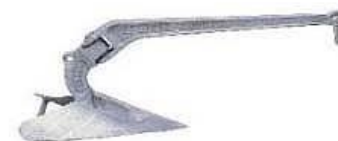
Good day, fellow crewmates. We're going to be talking about anchors. Do you know what an anchor is? Here is my first mate, Rob, ready to tell you a little about boat anchors.



Thank you, Captain. I'll get right on with it. Man's first "anchor" was a heavy stone tied to a crude rope. It didn't weigh a lot and it couldn't hold a sailing "boat" that weighed a lot.



Today, we have the CQR ANCHOR. It has immense holding power in sand, pebble, rock, grass, kelp and coral. Weight: it can weigh anywhere from 35 lbs. to 600 lbs. Holding power is 4000 lbs. for the 35 lbs. anchor, and then it goes up with the weight of the anchor. Over to you, 2nd mate, Drew!



Aye aye, Sir. The main reason a ship needs an anchor is to ride out storms so that it is not blown off course or into the rocks or reefs nearby. Even in a safe harbor, a ship needs an anchor so that it will not drift, hit something, and sink.



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That's right. And whether in the storms of life or in the harbor during the calm times of life, we all need an anchor for our souls. Jesus Christ is our anchor. Like an



anchor holding a ship safely in position, our faith in Christ guarantees our safety - it holds us safely in our position in Christ.

Hebrews 6:19-20 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf.

Back to you Captain.



Thank you, Rob. Like a sure and firm anchor, that hope extends beyond the veil through which Jesus, our Forerunner, has entered on our behalf. Hebrews 6:19-20. Picture a sailing ship several miles offshore being battered by stormy, raging seas and buffeted by high winds. The captain, prevented by the storm from getting into the safe harbor, lowers the anchor to the sea floor to prevent the wind and waves from sweeping the ship away. On the ship, conditions are stormy and dangerous. At the bottom of the sea, however, conditions are quiet. The anchor holds "firm and secure" (Heb 6:19). Though the ship is caught in a storm, it is "solidly set on" the anchor which keeps the ship from being lost.



When we are caught in "stormy and dangerous" conditions, we just need to rely on our Anchor, Jesus Christ. He holds us "firm and secure". He will keep us from being lost. When our "waters" are calm, we still need to rely on our Anchor to keep us stable. In Jesus Christ we can have complete stability! We have been given complete hope in Jesus Christ because of His birth, death and resurrection!

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is

imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We've been talking about Jesus Christ being our Anchor. Well, how does that take place? This is how it happens. When we were unbelievers, drifting and crashing in the sea of life, God the Holy Spirit made us aware of the fact that we needed a Savior! Once we believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit did something wonderful for us which made us very secure in our spiritual life. He put us in Christ.



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What does it mean to be **in Jesus Christ**? It means we share the spiritual things that are His in His humanity. **In Christ**, we find our new life, the same perfect, indestructible life that He possesses. That is how God the Father sees us! It is important for us to see how secure we are in that place! God declares us righteous because of Jesus' work on the cross! Our life **in Christ** cannot be touched by **any** question of sin, death, the judgment of God, or the power of Satan. We are safe **in Christ**! Jesus Christ is our Anchor!

Colossians 3:1-2 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.



As you sail along in your spiritual life, you will have calm seas and stormy seas. With each type of sea you need to have Jesus Christ as your Anchor. He asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, and that is just what the Father did!



And here are some of the things the Holy Spirit has done for us and they will never be taken away from us! We are secure **in Christ!**

- The Holy Spirit regenerated us - we were born again by the Spirit. **John 3:6**
- He is the Spirit of Life. **John 6:63-64**
- The indwelling Spirit is rivers of living water. **John 7:37-39**
- He is our Helper, and the Spirit of truth (enables us to know the truth). **John 14:16-17**
- The Holy Spirit teaches us all things, reminding us of Christ's teachings. **John 14:26**
- The Spirit has poured the love of God into our hearts as a permanent blessing. **Romans 5:5**
- He is the agent of Life in Christ Jesus, the new governing power that prevailed over the old one, sin and death. **Romans 8:2**
- The Spirit intercedes for us in prayer. **Romans 8:26-2**



WOW! And that isn't even a complete list. God wants us to know that we are completely secure in His love for us. He has done everything He can to give us the opportunity to have eternal security forever! We just have to believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior.



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Because of our Anchor's death and resurrection, we believers have eternal life **in Him!** We know where one day we will be - in heaven with Jesus! That's a wondrous fact! When life is rough, we can always think of that fact! ***Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***



When we are being put down and treated meanly, we can look to see who we are **in Jesus** and be built up by His care for us. God never condemns us! We are secure in His love!

Romans 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



When we grow tired of all the hatred that's in the world, we can look to the love of God.

1 John 4:9-10 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Now we are going to talk about some people in the Bible who listened to the Holy Spirit and were rescued from the stormy sea of life. First let's look at Daniel.



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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! Daniel knew that Jesus Christ was his Anchor!

I'm here to tell you about Jonah.
Jonah had a great task that God had planned for his life.
The ability to perform the task was provided by God's grace.
God wanted Jonah to go to Nineveh. ***Jonah 1:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me."***



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However, Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh. He was a Jew and the Jews did not like the Ninevites! So, he chose not to obey God. He hopped on a boat that was going in the opposite direction! (Just like we do at times!) ***Jonah 1:4 "The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up."*** During the storm the sailors became afraid, but Jonah was down below in the ship sleeping! The captain was upset with Jonah and wanted to know how he could sleep during the storm. Jonah knew Who his Anchor was. He had enough divine viewpoint in his soul to remain calm in the storm and have faith in God and His word.



Jonah let the captain and all the sailors know that he was the reason for the storm. He told them he was running away from what God wanted him to do. He told them to throw him overboard and the storm would stop. And that is just what happened. God protected Jonah by having a giant fish swallow him. After 3 days in the belly of the fish, (must have been pretty dark in there) the fish spit Jonah out on dry land. Then he went and preached to the Ninevites, even though he didn't want to, and many were saved! Jesus was the Anchor for Jonah **and** for the Ninevites!

We are now going to look at Joseph, one of the sons of Jacob. Joseph was a victim of great injustice. However, it was all a part of God's perfect plan for his life! Joseph was:

- thrown into a pit by his brothers,
- sold to a caravan by his brothers,
- taken to Egypt by the caravan,
- a servant to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh,
- mistreated by Potiphar's wife and Potiphar,
- thrown into a dungeon, a prison.



WOW! However, Joseph did not feel handicapped because he had a "difficult childhood". He looked to Jesus Christ as his Anchor. Under God's perfect timing, he knew he was being prepared one step at a time for God's purpose. He would eventually be promoted. Joseph had great **faith and hope** in God. He also had great forgiveness for his brothers. When God knew he was ready, Joseph was promoted; he was made a ruler of Egypt. Joseph looked to Jesus, His Anchor, in rough and smooth times.



Genesis 41:39-41 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you." Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."



Captain



1st Mate, Rob



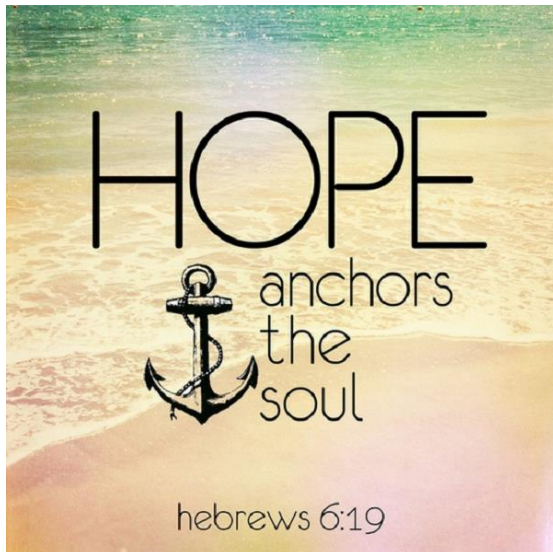
2nd Mate, Drew

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We want you to know that your Anchor, Jesus Christ, is zillions times plus stronger than any human made anchor. You can have complete confidence in Him to always secure you in calm and rough times. You are in union with Him; where you go He goes; and where He goes (Heaven), you'll go! That makes my head swirl!

Jesus Christ lives inside of believers! In His humanity, Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father. One day you will be there too. He already sees you in that place. We are in a great place in Jesus Christ, sharing all that He has in His humanity!

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Set sail into the future with Jesus