



Anchors for Your Soul

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

When fear threatens to swallow us and chaos appears in every direction, we have hope. Jesus didn't promise us a life free from trouble, but He did promise to be with us. **That's why we need to constantly remind ourselves of God's faithfulness.** As we fill ourselves with His truth, the storms around us become smaller as we gain a clearer perspective of eternity.

During this unique time [COVID-19], as I've seen quotes from our podcast appear in the *Revive Our Hearts* social media feed, my heart has been encouraged all over again to be anchored in God's Word. It's just one way I preach to myself that my hope is in the Lord.

This page compiles snippets of wisdom taken from recent *Revive Our Hearts'* series to point you to Christ and encourage you to trust Him.

God's Faithfulness in Times of Trouble (Ps. 107)

God is good even when you don't feel like He's good. God loves you with a steadfast love even when you feel like He has abandoned you. God is with you in this storm. He'll never leave you.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is not shaken. God is not wringing His hands trying to figure out what He's going to do with all these catastrophes in this world. He is enthroned. He reigns.

What safer place is there to be than under the shadow of the wing of our Helper God?

It may not seem that God is coming to our aid immediately, but He will come. Sometimes we have to go through the night first before we get to the break of day.

Wherever trouble is present, God is more present.

God is our refuge, our strength in the midst of trouble. He is the starting point—a fixed reference point in a world of shifting circumstances. He is more real than any circumstance, any trouble that may touch your life this day, or in the days to come.

God uses events that turn our world upside down to drive us to cling to Him.

The antidote to fear in a terrifying world is not arranging our lives to be free from trauma and trouble. The answer to fear is not trying to control our environment. The antidote to fear is anchoring our lives on the character of God.

As we face medical fears and economic fears, we can lean entirely on Christ as our fortress and our strength.

Hope for Uncertain Times: Surviving and Thriving in an Economic Crisis

Don't let the enemy steal your joy—regardless of what is going on in the world or in your personal financial situation! If we have Him we are rich, we have everything we need, and we have reasons to rejoice!

Times of economic hardship or loss expose what matters most to us and what we really love.

Remember what God has done in the past. Rely on His character. Rehearse His promises. Refrain from taking matters into your own hands. Don't let fear drive you to places God doesn't want you to go.

God uses adversity to show us what is in our hearts, to purify us, and to deepen our dependence on Him.

Crises can provide opportunities for God's people to flourish spiritually and to point others to Christ who is our only Rock and hope—not only in this present time, but for all eternity.

Facing the Future with Joy

As godly women, we can face the prospect of the future in a way that is qualitatively different than the rest of the world.

A woman who fears the Lord is not afraid of the future. She trusts in God's sovereignty.

The woman of strength and dignity exhibits joy regardless of how grim or dark the future may look.

You Can Trust God to Write Your Story

No matter what you are facing today, you can trust God to write this chapter in your story. And every chapter after that.

The beautiful thing is that God and only God has the power to redeem the broken parts of our stories.

He sees the whole mural that He is painting in all of history, and we see only the little speck of time and space that we occupy at this moment.

God may want to use your story to be a means of His grace and His intervention in others' lives, even, sometimes, for those who may have "wrecked" your story.

Rooted and Steadfast in Trials

God provides grace for every trial we could ever face. His grace is enough. No matter what . . . God is faithful, God is good, God loves us, and He can be trusted to write our story.

You're going to have trials. The question is: how are you going to respond to them?

Trials strengthen your roots. They strengthen your faith.

We will go through seasons of drought and dryness. But we don't need to be afraid, we don't need to be anxious, we have a source of life inside us that is not dependent on external circumstances. We can continue to put forth green leaves. We can continue to bear fruit even in the midst of a dry season.