

ANCHOR STONES

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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. A ship is a means of transportation.
- b. A "relation-ship" is a means of transportation by way of relating
- c. As we relate to one another, we are being transported in some direction.
- d. Ships understand the importance and use of an anchor in regards to its mission, purpose, and movement.

II. ANCHORS

- a. Anchor
 - i. It is any various device dropped by a chain, cable, or rope to the bottom of a body of water for preventing or restricting the motion of a vessel or other floating object. It typically has broad, hooklike arms that bury themselves in the bottom to provide a firm hold.
 - ii. It is any similar device for holding fast or checking motion
 - iii. An anchor of stones.
 - iv. It is any device for securing a suspension or cantilever bridge at either end.
 - v. It is any various device, as a metal tie, for binding one part of a structure to another.
 - vi. It is a person or thing that can be relied on for support, stability, or security; mainstay.

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- b. Jesus Christ - the risen Lord - is the Father's provision as an anchor for the soul.
- c. As we relate to Jesus, He transports our mind & will to both the sure and steadfast things above.

Colossians 3:1-2 = If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- d. Why does our soul need an anchor?

III. ANCHOR STONES

1 Peter 2:4 - Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

- a. Christ is the living stone; the living anchor stone.

1 Peter 2:5 - you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- b. As Christ the living stone becomes an anchor within us, we become more like living anchors to those we are in relationship with.

IV. RELATIONSHIPS AS ANCHOR STONES

Colossians 2:18-19 = 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

- a. Holding fast
- b. Checking motion
 - i. Sounding board (Acts 27:27-29)
- c. Binding one structure to another
- d. Relied upon for support and stability

V. RELATIONSHIPS AS ANCHORS THAT HOLD BACK

- a. Anchors are good to keep you from destructive decisions and directions.
- b. Anchors are not good if they keep you from moving forward in accordance with the wind of God's Spirit.
- c. What if you put yourself in a place where you are completely surrounded by living anchor stones that are consistently pursuing Jesus Christ?
- d. Relationships that are the wrong kind of anchors are anchors that hold back the pursuit Jesus.
 - i. Samson (Judges Chs. 15-16)
 - ii. Saul & David (1 Sam 19:10)
 - iii. Disciples and certain towns (Matt 10:23)
 - iv. Paul and others (2 Tim 3:5; 1 Tim 1:18)

Where are the "relation-ships" in your life taking you?

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingsmovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

*Sundays in February- 9a + 11a
Overcome - Mouth to Mouth
Breathing Life Into
Relationships*

We are all designed for connection with others. Even though we are all flawed, we can pursue healthy relationships with those closest to us when we are willing to own our part in resolving conflicts by walking in grace, humility, and forgiveness. Join us all month long as we learn to breathe life into all of our relationships.

GIVE

*"His Blueprint" Capital
Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!*
We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022
\$220,000

Commitment Levels:

One time Legacy Gifts

20K - Gold Legacy Gift

10K - Silver Legacy Gift

1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges

\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GROW

*Thursday, February 24 -7p - 9p
Night Seven of our Winter
Semester of Growth Phases*

Join us for the seventh night of our winter semester of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord does in your life this session.

GROUP

*Sunday, February 20 -
Connect Group Night*

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GO

*Be on the lookout for more
opportunities to serve our
community in the upcoming weeks.*