

DAY 4 SATURDAY

HEBREWS 2:1-4 THE ANCHOR; DON'T LIVE LIFE WITHOUT IT

¹ We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

I can remember being at the Jersey Shore (that's what we used to call the beach) when a large pleasure boat lost power and was adrift off the beach. We all watched as the boat was pulled this way and that by the wind and the currents. To everyone's horror, it was clear that it was in danger of being dragged into the surf, so the people jumped ship. Sure enough, after a few hours the boat was caught in the breakers and after another few hours had been reduced to kindling. That has always been a vivid image in my mind of the danger of not having an adequate anchor in this life. Energy and power ebb and flow in our lives like good days and bad, but there is no substitute for a good anchor.

There is no anchor more sure than the word of God. After all, it was given to us directly by the eternal Lord of all, with the promise of absolute fidelity. What is "heavier" than what is God's? And, what is more stable than God's faithfulness? If we are to avoid drifting into disaster we best be sure that our anchor is firmly affixed to the ship of our life. The anchor chain is forged link by link through the consistent and intentional study of the Bible under the power of the Holy Spirit in prayer.

Instill in me, O God, the desire to study your word and apply it to my life. Give me the wisdom to test all things against Scripture so that I might not find myself adrift in this world and in danger of ruin. Amen.