

Journey Enews

Weekly E-News October 9th 2018

Dates to Remember:
Tuesday Night's Men's Group will resume with our new book, "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff October 16th, 6 PM @ Cracker Barrel in Georgetown!

Tuesday Night's Women's Bible Study has recently finished their study facilitated by Brenda Richardson. We want to thank Brenda for taking the time to guide these women through a six-week study. Thanks Brenda!

Join us for Worship and for our new series,
Sunday 10:30 AM
Saturday 6 PM:

Forgotten Virtues
October 13th & 14th

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Adrift

An Indonesian teenager has been rescued. Did you hear the story? The headline read, "Teen rescued after 49 days adrift at sea on a floating fish trap."

ABC news reported, "Aldi Novel Adilang, 19, was living on and operating the fish trap, known as a rompong, when the rope anchoring the vessel in place broke on July 14 and strong winds blew him roughly 1200 miles away into Japanese waters. He floated adrift for nearly two months on the makeshift vessel, which is not equipped with steering like a boat. Adilang was working as a lamp-keeper on the tiny wooden structure 78 miles from the shore when he was swept out to sea. His job was to stay alone for months at a time and kindle lamps to attract fish."

There are so many fascinating pieces in this story of survival and rescue. One of the details that was easily overlooked in the miraculous rescue was what had prepared this teenager to survive. The reporter wrote, "His job was to stay alone for months ... supplies were brought out weekly – his only human contact for weeks."

When I'm away from Journey I am often asked what I do for a living. I seldom begin by saying I am a local church pastor. Instead I start by trying to generate a bit of curiosity by saying I give advice to adults, something like a guidance counselor might do. This usually leads to more discussion and I am able to ask what my new acquaintance does also.

Do you have advice for others whose life seems adrift? If you had my job what would you say to you? Can I give you a few of my pastoral thoughts? The story above about the Indonesian teen reminds me of the stories I hear from many of the people I meet each day. I listen to people both inside and outside Journey whose lives have lost any clear sense of direction.

When I ask people what's troubling them, they often talk about a metaphorical rope, which had anchored them safely to a mooring, suddenly breaking, sending them aimlessly adrift out to sea. The "rope" may have been a marriage that ended, someone who died unexpectedly, the job they needed ending, and all kinds of other things we might hang on to in life for security and safety.

I am sure this has happened to you. Sooner or later it happens to all of us. Life disappoints; sometimes it even hurts badly. It has happened to me. I have found myself adrift and unsure of how to find rescue from my sudden misfortune or injury. Fortunately, my faith in Jesus as the rope and anchor of my soul has saved me more than once.

On those days when motivation is harder than usual to stir up inside, go to the Bible and look for assurance once again. God really is more than enough. He really is our anchor in a storm. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19a NIV

If you're adrift, instead of giving in to panic or fear, hold on to the rope and anchor of your soul. His name is Jesus.

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