



JESUS IS SUPERIOR

THE MESSAGE CONNECT

WEEK SEVEN:

Anchors Away

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Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 6:9-12 (NLT) "Dear friends, even though we are talking this way, we really don't believe it applies to you. We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. ¹¹ Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. ¹² Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance."

Hebrews 6:17-20 (NLT) "God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that he would never change his mind. ¹⁸ So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek."

Main Point:

- Drifting Can Lead To Rejection Of Jesus — Stay Close To Jesus.

The Purpose Of An Anchor:

- Holds You Where You Want To Be.
- Provides Safety In The Eye Of A Storm.

Next Steps:

1. Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

What does it mean to be 'saved'? What are some attributes of someone who is 'saved'?

3. Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

Hebrews 6:4-6: The word "impossible" here actually means impossible, and the word 'enlightened' means 'to step from ignorance to truth.' What questions, thoughts, or issues does this passage raise for you?

What do you think? Can you walk away from your salvation, or does that mean you were never "saved" to begin with? Discuss the valid points from both sides.

"The point of this passage is to warn against the dangers of immaturity and drifting. Drifting can lead to rejection. So stay close to Jesus." How does someone drift away from Jesus? Are there areas in your own life that you lack a focus on Jesus?

Hebrews 6:9-12: The author says for those who are "saved," there is evidence of their salvation. Do you think there are tangible things that make someone's faith evident? If so, what are they? Out of the things listed, where do you excel? Where do you lack?

In Hebrews 6:13, he tells them to "be like Abraham who followed faithfully." Is there someone who stands out to you when you think about this passage? What evidence from their life comes to mind?

4. Start Praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

5. Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Hebrews 6:17-20: "Our hope is found in God's trustworthy promises. He will not fail in his promise to save us." Are there fruits of a faith in Jesus that you lack? What action steps do you need to take in order to live a life that glorifies God on a daily basis?

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