

# LEAVING THE PAST – ANCHORS AWAY

- Anchors are designed to hold fast the object which is anchored. However, anchors only hold fast to something immovable.
- An anchor won't hold fast to shifting sands or unstable ground.
- Presently, there is a mood of VICTIMISATION sweeping the world, which blames others for past decisions. This creates guilt and shame, where people live in a continual state of apology and blame. Jesus accepted all our guilt and shame
- When IT SEEMS LIKE THE WORLD IS FALLING APART, there are very few anchor points

In a natural sense, an anchor goes down to the earth, but in a spiritual sense, our anchor goes UP into heaven

- From my lounge I can see pilot boats guiding ships to and from the port.
- The word “forerunner”, means one who goes before. One who sets the course?
- The pilot ship goes ahead of the vessel seeking safety in the harbour
- The PILOT knows the currents, the tides, the typography, lay of the land and all known hazards. He weaves and adjusts the course with SAFETY and ARRIVAL in mind

We couldn't be SAFER than being ALREADY anchored AT OUR PORT in HEAVEN

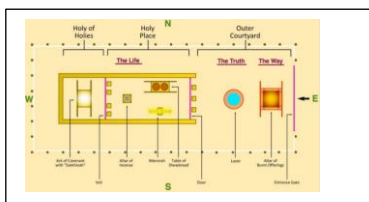
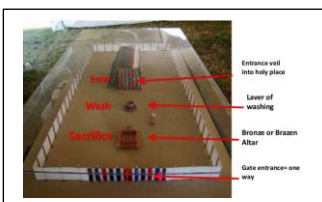
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**SLIDE 2**

- Entering into a relationship on the basis of ANTICIPATED CHANGE is foolish
- Men hope their woman never change – Woman hope their men WILL CHANGE
- We enter into our relationship with God ASSURED He is unchangeable **word-promise**
- In O.T. fled to cities of refuge **Nu 35; Jos 20**, In NT **Our hope is Christ**

**Hebrews 9:11-12** But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. <sup>12</sup> He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

**SLIDE 3**



**SLIDE 4, SLIDE 5**

**Philippians 3:13** Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have attained this. Instead I am single-minded: Forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out for the things that are ahead,

SLIDE 6

- **We are ALL a work in progress. Forming Relationships is ONGOING**  
 Marriage rates dropped, therefore divorce rates dropped  
 Average divorce comes after 14 years (men 44 woman 39)  
 In 2017 **22,833** opposite **991** same sex! Likely 2/5 likely to divorce
- **Single mindedness focuses on the path ahead not the path behind**  
*When our REGRETS replace our DREAMS, we are living life in its POOREST form.*
- **Forgetfulness is essential to building focus and purpose**  
 Being able to FORGET is a spiritual act of repentance and forgiveness
- **Reaching out is not STATIC, it is PROGRESSIVE and ACTIVE**  
 I have learned whatsoever state I am in to be CONTENT  
 Out of what we HAVE, not what we NEED. **2 Cor 8:9**

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SLIDE 7

**Romans 4:18** Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be."

**Hebrews 10:20** by the new and living way opened for us through the curtain of His body,

**Psalm 62:5** Rest in God alone, O my soul, for my hope comes from Him.

ANCHORS TO THE PAST

- BROKEN DREAMS
- BROKEN PROMISES
- BROKEN HOPES
- BROKEN EXPECTATIONS



ANCHORS TO THE PAST

ANCHORS TO THE FUTURE

- BEHIND THE VEIL
- UPON THE ROCK
- INTO THE NEW HORIZON
- BEYOND OUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS



ANCHORS TO THE FUTURE