



The image of a ship being tossed at sea might correlate well with most of our lives. We're impacted by our circumstances, successes, failures, and relationships. Losing sight of land, we aimlessly drift around, quietly resigned to our wandering or uselessly screaming at the wind and waves. Jesus anchors every aspect of our lives and gives us hope and endurance to weather life's stormy seas.

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*"<sup>17</sup>So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, <sup>18</sup>so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup>We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup>where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:17-20*

### **1. God's word is always true.**

God says, "You all make oaths in my name, I make an oath by my own name."

### **2. We're all looking for refuge.**

*"...so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us." Hebrews 6:18*

*"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." John 14:1*

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice." John 16:20*

### **3. Lasting Hope only comes through Jesus.**

*"We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain," Hebrews 6:19*