

# The Power of Belief



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## Part 2: Stay Anchored

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**Hope is the anchor of our soul.**

**Be a \_\_\_\_\_**

“Why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in the Lord.” (Psalm 42:11)

“Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope, and I will restore double what you have lost.” (Zechariah 9:12)

**Hold on and \_\_\_\_\_**

“All human reason for hope being gone, Abraham hoped on in faith.” (Romans 4:18)

What you’re hoping for may be taking a long time. But what God started, He’s going to finish. Keep your anchor down.

**Everyday life can cause you to \_\_\_\_\_**

The Bible describes hope as the anchor of our soul. It wouldn't say "anchor" unless there was a possibility of drifting.

This is what happens in life. If we don't keep our anchor down and stay full of hope, then little by little we start drifting, getting negative and discouraged.

At the beach, it doesn't take a big storm or hurricane to cause swimmers to drift. It's just the normal movement of the ocean. If you don't have your anchor down, the normal currents of life will cause you to drift. To drift doesn't require a major sickness, a divorce, or a layoff; just everyday life will do it.

**Cut any anchor of \_\_\_\_\_**

This is not just about being positive. Being hopeful is about your soul being anchored to the right thing – because if you're not anchored to hope, over time you'll become anchored to something else.

Owen: "You can make it your excuse, or you can make it your purpose."

If you stay anchored to hope, what is now your test will soon become your testimony.