

Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation
Life Principle #3

God's Word is an immovable anchor in times of storm.

- How have you been responding to the storms in your life?
- What is your anchor in life?
- Are you searching God's Word during the storms of your life or are you looking for a "bail out?"
- As storms arise, do you investigate what God's purpose may be for the storm? God's purposes in storms: He wants to . . .
 - Get our attention - Is the Lord trying to gain your focus?
 - Purify us from Sin - Is there an area of your life that isn't pleasing to God?
 - Cause us to Surrender to Him - Is there something you aren't surrendering?
 - Conform us to His Image - Are you allowing Him to mold you into His image?
 - Equip us to serve Him - Are you surrendering your heart for purification?

How does the Word of God anchor us in times of storm?

- **It comforts us.** In the middle of heartache and struggle, read the Book of Psalms.
- **It reminds us of God's promises.** Scripture assures us of the Lord's presence, power, and provision in our lives. (See Matthew 11:28 and Joshua 1:8-9).
- **It is a compass for our lives** (Prov. 3:5-6).
- **It teaches us how the Father works.** Reading about the saints teaches us how to make wise decisions; the stories of Israel's rebellion help us avoid similar mistakes.
- **It gives us God's viewpoint.** Study how He used adversity in the lives of biblical characters for a better understanding of how He may want to use our struggles..

How does the Bible work as an anchor?

- **You must read it.** God's Word can't encourage you unless you study it.
- **You must meditate on it.** Think about the Lord's promises and how He proved His faithfulness to believers in the past.
- **Believe what it says.** Doubting God's promises will block His blessings for you.
- **Apply it to your own life first**—not the life of someone else.
- **You must be willing to obey it.**