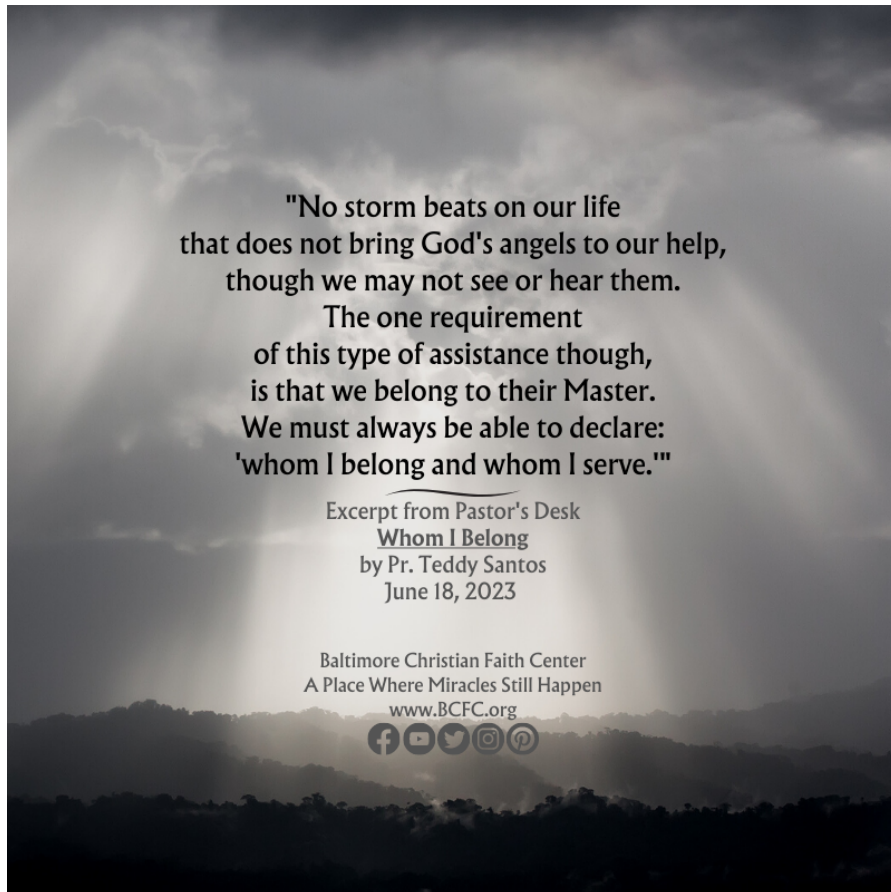


Whom I Belong

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Acts 27:23-25 “**23** For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, **24** saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' **25** Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.”

The Courage of Faith is compatible with common sense. Though Paul had God's guarantee, he felt he should also do his part. Faith should never make us behave foolishly or presumptuously. Godly calm and tranquility rule in the hearts of those whose minds are fixed on God.

Paul's life was hidden with Christ in God. He learned to detect the voice of The Lord in any circumstance, which requires a practiced ear and an obedient will. But throughout his missionary life, the Apostle appears to

have derived strength and comfort from special revelations. Through the storm, The Lord's ministering angel sped to him, standing beside him, and bade him to be of good cheer. No storm beats on our life that does not bring God's angels to our help, though we may not see or hear them. The one requirement of this type of assistance though, is that we belong to their Master. We must always be able to declare: "*whom I belong and whom I serve.*"

We may encounter multiple storms before we anchor in God's Heavenly Kingdom, but know that there is a peaceful place in the center of every storm. In the fiercest tempest, we can invariably hide in the secret place of the Most High!

At His service,
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