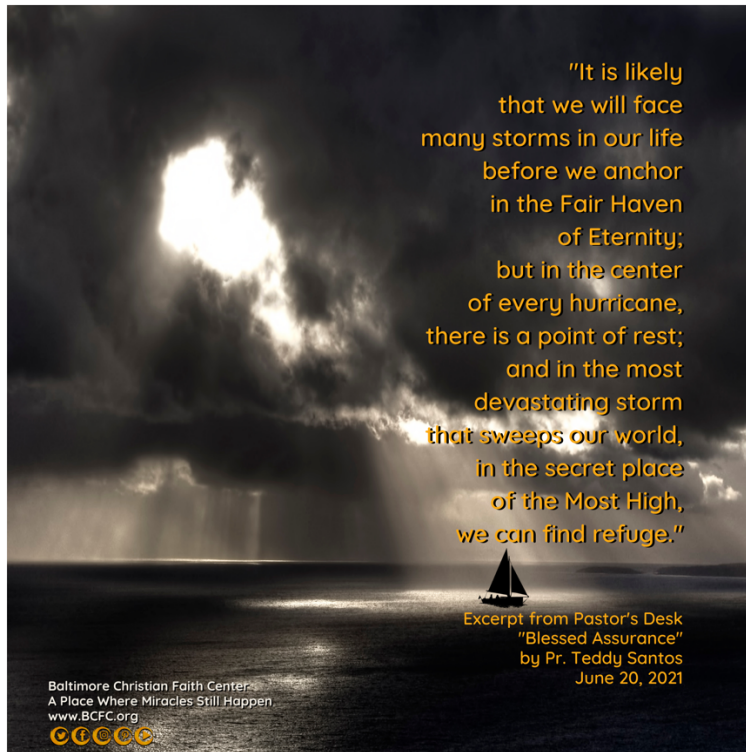


Blessed Assurance

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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 prayer of faith is a mighty tool that is readily available to all who belong to the Everlasting Lord, Jesus Christ. Here in this passage, the word to be emphasized is "granted." It implies that Paul had asked, and God had granted his petition and answered his prayer. This is amazing in so many ways! We can also claim that all who voyage with us in the ship of our life will also become God's children!

The Courage of Faith is harmonious with common sense. Even though Paul had God's certainty, he yet felt that he must do what he could, as though all depended on his judgment. Faith should never make us act foolishly or presumptuously - Holy calm and tranquility rule in the heart of those whose mind stays on the Lord.

It is likely that we will face many storms in our life before we anchor in the Fair Haven of Eternity; but in the center of every hurricane, there is a point of rest; and in the most devastating storm that sweeps our world, in the secret place of the Most High, we can find refuge. There is great comfort, great assurance, great peace, when we can boast of the Lord our God: *“Whom I belong, and Whom I serve.”* There is no doubt of the assurance Paul had when he wrote these words: *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”* Romans 8:28.

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos