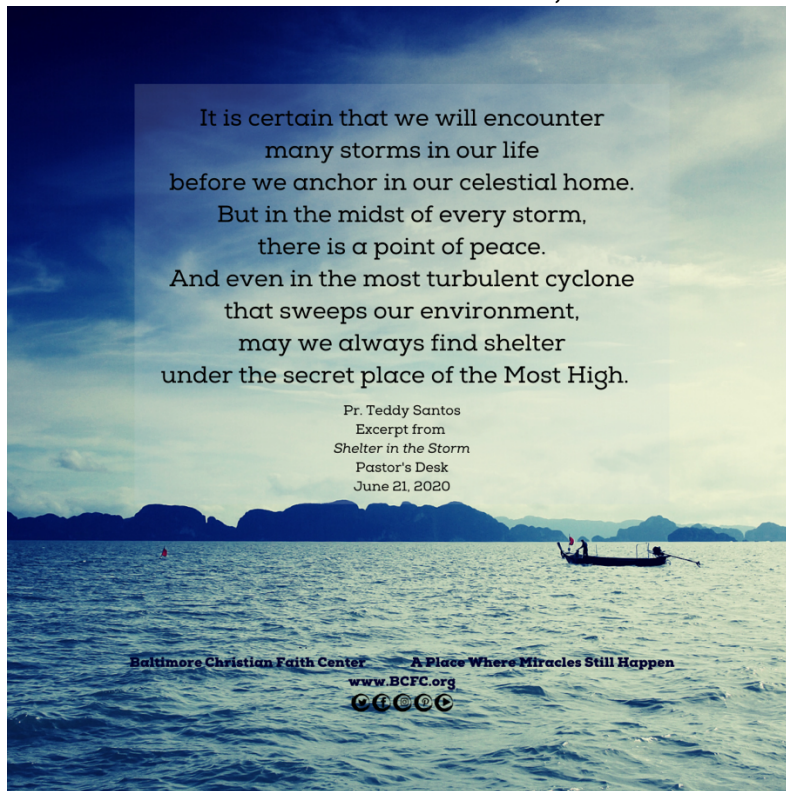


SHELTER IN THE STORM

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

I came across a story of a boy who asked his father, “What does fear look like? I've never seen him!”

The Apostle Paul might have expressed these words because his life was guarded with Christ. He had learned to distinguish the voice of the Lord. Many are not there, because it needs the practiced ear and the compliant will. The Apostle seems to have obtained strength and comfort from special revelations throughout his entire Christian career. Our Lord's ministering angel sped to his hammock through the thick of the storm, and standing beside him, instructed him to be of good cheer.

And during all the storms of life that rock our environment, God will cause His Angels to come to our aid, even though we may not perceive their forms or hear their voice. There is one condition though, that will grant us Angel-help: we must belong to their Master. With confidence, we must be able to proclaim: "Whose I am, and Whom I serve."

In the 24th verse, we clearly see the results of Faith Prayer. The word used to highlight this is "granted." It implies that Paul had requested, and the Lord answered his prayer and given him his request. How awesome! How wonderful would it be that all who sail with us in the ship of our life would become a child of God?

It is certain that we will encounter many storms in our life before we anchor in our celestial home. But in the midst of every storm, there is a point of peace. And even in the most turbulent cyclone that sweeps our environment, may we always find shelter under the secret place of the Most High.

At His service,
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