

Continuing in the Word, "The Mystery Revealed," Ephesians 3:5

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The Bible is God's Word, inspired and brought into being by God Himself. It is unlike any other book. It truly is living. It cuts to the heart with supernatural power. It stands forever. God revealed His Word to various men in Old Testament times and to the apostles and prophets of the New Testament. They faithfully recorded it as lead and inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it has been faithfully preserved through God's sovereign direction and placed in our hands today.

There was a great song that I remember singing as a child in Awana and Sunday School called "The Bible Stands". The words of the chorus are, "The Bible stands though the hills may tumble. It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble. I will plant my feet on its firm foundation, for the Bible stands."

That song makes me think of 2 Timothy 3:16 which says, *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..."*, and Hebrews 4:12, *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

I learned that song and those verses at Navy Yard City Bible Church in Bremerton, Washington. That church is still faithfully doing the work of the ministry under the shepherding care of Pastor Dan Wilson. It's now called Faith Community Bible Church and it is a good example of faithfulness to the Word. If you go to their website you will notice a logo with these words around it: "Evangelism, Worship, Edification, Anchored in the Word." You will also find this statement: *"The purpose of Faith Community Bible Church is to bring glory to God as we worship Him, encourage one another, and share the good news of God's love. You will find that clear teaching of the Word of God is central to all that we do."* (You can visit FCBC's website at www.anchoredintheword.org.)

Thank God for churches like FCBC that are unwaveringly committed to the Word of God. And that is what we need to be. The Word of God needs to be central to all that we do at WVCC. Is it? Are we truly committed to doing what it says? In that it is God's Word and is eternal it is the foundation on which we are to stand. Are we standing on it personally and corporately? I pray that we are and that we always will.

I like FCBC's phrase "Anchored in the Word". Picture one of the great three-masted sailing ships of the 1800's. To keep the ship secure when not underway the large anchor would be dropped. If it rested on the sandy bottom of the ocean floor, that would keep it in place as long as the currents were mild and the wind was calm. But when a storm kicked up the ship anchored on the sand would be pulled from its anchorage as the anchor

would skid along on the soft sand finding no solid thing to hold onto. But if the points of the anchor found purchase on a rock that was solidly established in the depths of the sea, then it would hold the ship firm. No matter the current or the weather on the surface, the anchor would hold firm because it had found a solid foundation on which to grab hold of.

Are you anchored in the Word? Are the points of your inner-being firmly imbedded in its pages? The storms of life are blowing. The current of the times runs counter to everything that is good and true. Be anchored in the Word of God!

Pastor Jim

P.S. I've included the rest of the lyrics to "The Bible Stands". They are well worth reading.

The Bible stands like a rock undaunted
'Mid the raging storms of time;
Its pages burn with the truth eternal,
And they glow with a light sublime.

The Bible stands like a mountain towering
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can.

The Bible stands and it will forever,
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I will obey.

The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its Author is divine;
By grace alone I expect to live it,
And to prove and to make it mine.

Chorus:

The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands.

(Lyrics and music by Haldor Lillenas)