

Stay in the Game!

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"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrews 6:19, 20, NIV

Check this out, the word 'anchor' in this verse is transliterated from the Greek word agkalé: the bent arm, and it's definition: an arm, especially as bent to receive a burden. Did you catch that? When we talk about the Hope of God being the anchor to our soul, it means His bent arm ready to receive all our burdens! I just did a shout out when I looked this up, how great is that?

What do you need the bent arm of God to do for you today as He is ready to receive all your burdens?

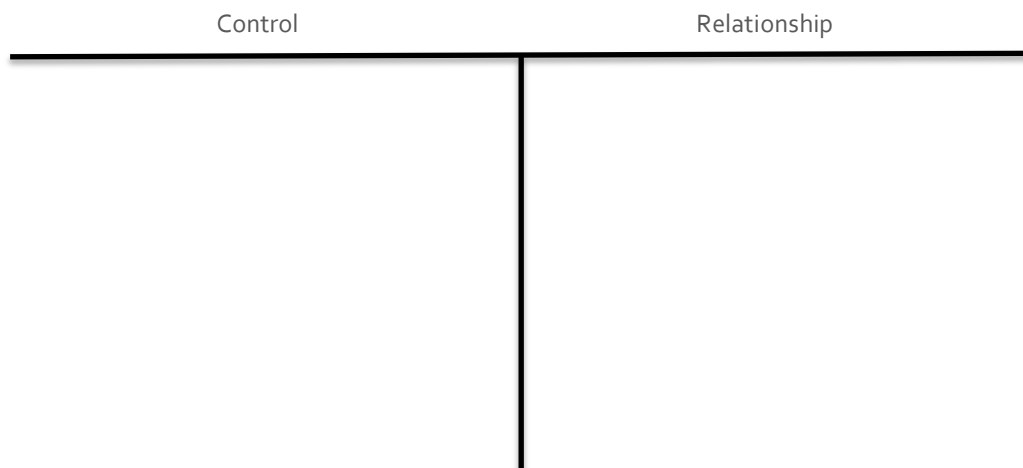
Look at the following portion of this verse where it says, "Our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." Jesus has gone before you and has prepared a way for you in every area of your life! He has made a way for you to stay in the game! Please don't overlook the power of Jesus as your forerunner. Let this soak in so that the next time you are weary and feel as if you can't move forward you can remind yourself, "Jesus, you have gone before me in every area and this moment in my life is no different."

Jesus spoke in John 16:9, "'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.'" The spoken words of Jesus are calling you to follow His example and to stay in the game. The word "remain" makes me think of the phrase, "stay put". Stay put in His presence, stay put where He has placed me, stay put where I bring Him glory. Are you tempted to quit and walk away? The answer for you today is to remain, stay put, you have this hope!

Today as I was golfing I had a good laugh when I teed my ball up and read what was on my ball, it said "control"I laughed so hard, yes Lord, I hear you..... I have to give up control. Tried to whack the control ball as hard as I could and I just whiffed the dumb thing! Isn't that how it works? The harder I try to do it on my own, the bigger I miss the target, but when I rely on Him, put my arm into the power of His bent arm, I can relinquish "control" and trust in His unfailing love.

When we look back to the garden of Eden and God creating Adam and Eve we see where God created them to be "with Him." He desired communion and fellowship with them. Then Adam and Even made a different choice, they chose control over relationship. When we choose control over relationship we forsake relationship. These choices were game changers for them.

Make a list of the outcomes for each areas of your life; what happens when you choose control over your situation and what happens when you choose relationship with God in your situation?



Ephesians 3:20,21, NIV "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." It's all about staying in the game!! See you on Monday!