



# The Anchor



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“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...” Hebrews 6:19

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## From The Pastor’s Desk Pastor Bill Adams

If you are like me, you’ve purchased products because of how they are advertised.

Some say, “one size fits all.” I’ve gotten home, tried it and found that it doesn’t fit. Other products say, “long lasting,” “permanent,” “never needs replacement.” But, needless to say, within a few months, I found it didn’t last. The product failed to meet up to its advertised standards. It didn’t work like it was supposed to. In this month’s column, I’d like to apply this to spiritual things. **“Does Your God Work?”**

### YOUR TRUST

I don’t believe there is anything more important than salvation. Eternity is the place where your soul will spend the rest of your life after death. It is

everlasting; there is nothing beyond it. It is the end, the finish, the finality. The Bible says that eternal place will be either heaven or hell. What your trust lies in will determine which place it is. Those who put their trust in Christ, and Him alone, for their soul’s salvation, find a peace within their heart. They are safe and secure, under His wings and in His hands. Why? Because their God works! He assures and reassures them of their heavenly home because of their trust in Him. Paul’s God worked: *“For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day”* (2 Timothy 1:12). Job’s God worked: *“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold,*



*and not another”* (Job 19:25-27). When King David’s infant son died and went out into eternity, David said, *“I shall go to him”* (2 Samuel 12:23). If your god isn’t giving you peace and security, go to Jesus Christ. He works!

### YOUR TESTIMONY

If people see a product doesn’t work, they turn elsewhere. As the world watches you, do they see a God that works? Does your testimony convince others that your God works? After Paul’s conversion, some Christians were still very suspect and scared of him, but the leaders saw the change in

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**Picture Day! The smell and smoke of the BBQ didn’t prevent us from taking a congregational family photo on the hill!**

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him: "And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship" (Galatians 2:9). Paul led Philemon's runaway slave Onesimus to the Lord while in prison. He wrote to his friend Philemon encouraging him to take him back, convinced of the changes that had taken place in his life: "Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him; Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?" (Philemon 11-12, 15-16). Unsaved Ruth was so moved by the testimony of Naomi that she would not return home to her gods but said, "For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16). Does your testimony convince and persuade those around you that your God can truly change a life? David's testimony was compelling and convincing: "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." (Psalm 40:2-3). Paul's God worked! Onesimus' God worked! Naomi's God worked! David's God worked! Does your testimony advertise a God who works?

**YOUR TRIALS**

One of the most defining areas where God can demonstrate that He works is when trials are allowed into our lives. We can truly publicize and promote God's power and presence when times get tough. If we resist or run, complain or criticize, mumble or are miserable

when life gets difficult, we are advertising that our God doesn't work. Whether it be health, finances, relationships, or spiritual warfare, let's demonstrate to all on-lookers that our God works! The God of Daniel's three comrades worked before Nebuchadnezzar: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up" (Daniel 3:17-18). Job endured his storms and elevated his God: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (Job 13:15). Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). God is an overcoming God. He'll enable you to overcome anything the world can throw at you. He works!

When a product doesn't work, you take it back and get a refund. You look to another brand or manufacturer. No one wants something that doesn't work. As others view us, do they see that our God works? Philippians 2:12-13 says: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." God is working! Are you working? Let God work for you in your trust, testimony, and trials. Let's advertise that our God works and I believe others will be sold on it!



**GOOD TIDINGS**

**Bible Conference with  
Missionary Pastor  
Roy Pustam**

Over 240 different people attended the three day special preaching services. Hands were raised for salvation and folks were at the altar every service. Many new contacts were made and are being followed up.

**Picture Day**

On Sunday, June 1st, 201 people attended this special event. The smell and smoke of the BBQ did not prevent us from taking a congregational family photo on the hill stairway. Martha did a masterful job hosting the BBQ and Pastor Pustam preached his heart out both services. It was truly a fulfilling day!

**Debt Reduction: \$39,000**

Over \$6,000 has been sacrificially given toward this project so far. These monies were graciously and generously lent to the church interest-free! Let's be just as selfless in repaying them as quickly as possible.



**YOUTH  
CORNER**

**Pastor James Hird**

**The Pride of Tyre  
Ezekiel 28:2**

"Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God."

Ezekiel spends three chapters in his

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# THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY



Over 240 different people attended the three day preaching services with Missionary Pastor Roy Pustam which was highlighted by Picture Day on June 1. We also had a wonderful time of fellowship (and of course eating) at the BBQ.





**Friend Day and BBQ**  
**Sunday, August 17th**  
**Baptismal service in**  
**the evening.**

**Friend Day and BBQ**  
**Sunday, August 17th**

**Anniversary Service**  
**Sunday, September**  
**14th**  
**Praying and planning**  
**for 300!**

**Missionary Pastor**  
**Dennis Seely**  
**Sunday, September**  
**21st**



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book speaking about the city of Tyre. Ezekiel spent time on four other nations before this. Ezekiel spends time in these chapters telling Tyre where their problems lie. He starts in chapter 26:2 by saying this, "Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste." In this verse, we see the pride displayed by the city of Tyre. They are acting like an impetuous child who sees his friend get in trouble. It is almost like they are saying, "Nah, Nah, Nah, Nah."

This pride is encouraged by the prince



**Our Schedule of Services**

**MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY**

Sunday School  
 for all ages 10:00 am  
 Morning Worship 11:00 am  
 Evening Service 6:00 pm  
*We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.*

**MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study and  
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

*We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. The Church is located 10 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.*

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**Youth Corner continued...**

of Tyre. We do not know his name, but we find out all that we need to know about him here in chapter twenty-eight. Just like the city which he rules over, his heart is lifted up. He was a proud man. You could say that he had every right to be proud. If we read chapter twenty-seven, we see the praises that are heaped upon the city and its ruler. The problem is that he allowed this praise to go to his head. He took this pride to the next level. He equated himself to God. He said that he could sit in the seat of God. He felt that he could rule the world just the same as God. Ezekiel reminds him in this verse that he is just a man, he is not a god. This is what Satan has sold to men from the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:5 says, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." The prince of Tyre believed that he was a god, but God would soon put him in his place.

As young people today, we can speak as the prince of Tyre did. We may not say that we are a god, but often our actions display that this is what we believe. We often disregard what God's Word says. We do not listen to the counsel that our parents give us. We allow our pride to bubble over.

The book of Proverbs speaks often about pride. Solomon knew all about this ugly attribute. Solomon says in Proverbs 11:2, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom." Pride in the end brings shame. It would bring shame to the prince of Tyre, and it will bring shame to those who continue to display it. Solomon says in Proverbs 29:23, "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit." The prince of Tyre allowed his pride to bring him low. He felt that his pride would lift him up, but all it did was puff him up.

We cannot allow this to happen to us as youth today. We may think that our pride sets us apart, but all it really does is puff us up. We need to dispose of our pride and replace it with humility. As Solomon said in Proverbs 16:18-19, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." It is better to be humble than proud.