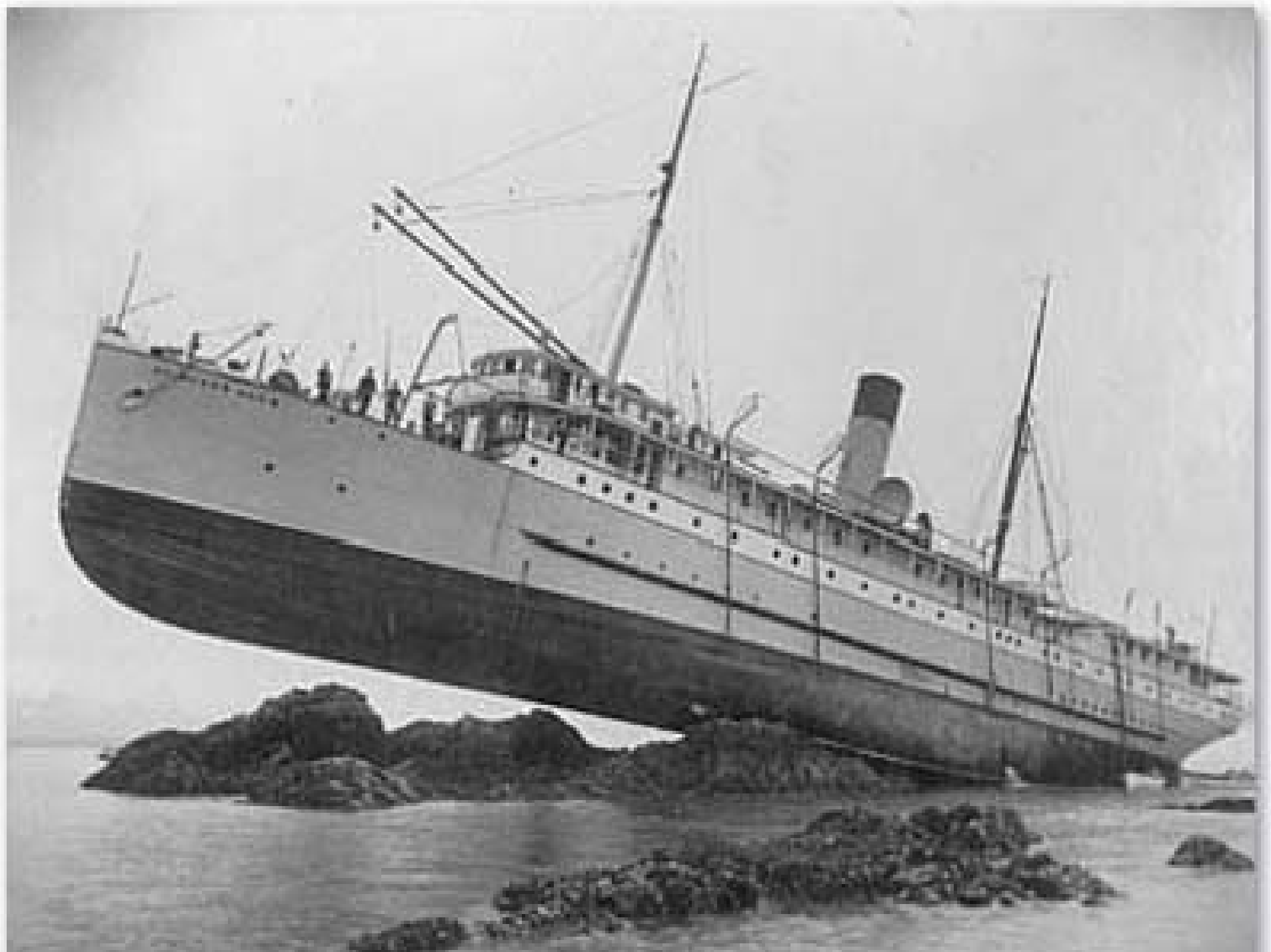


*Sailing Without
a Rudder*



*For it is God who works in you
to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

Philippians 2:13^{NIV}

*Ministry takes place when divine resources
meet human needs through loving channels
to the glory of God.*

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¹Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service.

²As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple.

Acts 3:1, 2 ^{NLT}

*³When he saw Peter and John about to enter,
he asked them for some money. ⁴Peter and John
looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!”
⁵The lame man looked at them eagerly,
expecting some money.*

Acts 3:3-5 NLT

*⁶But Peter said,
“I don’t have any silver or gold for you.
But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of
Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!”
⁷Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand
and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet
and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.*

Acts 3:6, 7 ^{NLT}

⁸He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. ⁹All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. ¹⁰When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ¹¹They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

Acts 3:8-11 ^{NLT}

Being a Follower of Christ Requires Using
God's Divine Resources

Being a Follower of Christ is to Respond to
_____ with _____

Being a Follower of Christ _____
Brings _____ to _____



³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Matthew 5:38-41 ^{NLT}

⁴²Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:42-45 ^{NLT}

*⁴⁶If you love those who love you,
what reward will you get? Are not even the
tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only
your brothers, what are you doing more than others?
Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Matthew 5:46-48 ^{NLT}

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a^{NLT}

Being a Follower of Christ Requires Using
God's Divine Resources

Being a Follower of Christ is to Respond to
Human Need with Unconditional Love

Being a Follower of Christ _____
Brings _____ to _____



*¹But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts,
where all the people gathered around him, and he
sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law
and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in
adultery. They made her stand before the group
⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was
caught in the act of adultery.*

John 8:1-3 ^{NLT}

⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them,

John 8:5-7a ^{NLT}

*"If any one of you is without sin,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her."*

⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

*⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a
time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left,
with the woman still standing there.*

John 8:7b -9 NLT

¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her,

"Woman, where are they?

Has no one condemned you?"

*¹¹"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I
condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now
and leave your life of sin."*

John 8:10, 11 ^{NLT}



LET HIM WHO
IS WITHOUT SIN
CAST THE FIRST
STONE

*³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne
in heavenly glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered
before him, and he will separate the people one from
another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right
and the goats on his left.*

Matthew 25:31-33 ^{NLT}

*³⁴"Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your
inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you
gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave
me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison
and you came to visit me.'*

Matthew 25:34-36 ^{NLT}

37"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40^{NLT}

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Matthew 25:31-46
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Being a Follower of Christ is to Respond to
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Being a Follower of Christ Always
Brings Glory to God

¹⁰Then David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly: “O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever!

¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

1 Chronicles 29:10, 11 ^{NLT}

*¹²Wealth and honor come from you alone,
for you rule over everything. Power and might are
in your hand, and at your discretion people are made
great and given strength. ¹³“O our God, we thank you
and praise your glorious name! ¹⁴But who am I, and
who are my people, that we could give anything to
you? Everything we have has come from you,
and we give you only what you first gave us!*

1 Chronicles 29:12-14 ^{NLT}

¹⁵We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a passing shadow, gone so soon without a trace. ¹⁶“O LORD our God, even this material we have gathered to build a Temple to honor your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you!

1 Chronicles 29:15, 16 ^{NLT}

*I know, my God,
that you examine our hearts and rejoice
when you find integrity there. You know I
have done all this with good motives, and
I have watched your people offer their
gifts willingly and joyously.*

1 Chronicles 29:17^{NLT}

¹⁸“O LORD, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes. ¹⁹Give my son Solomon the wholehearted desire to obey all your commands, laws, and decrees, and to do everything necessary to build this Temple, for which I have made these preparations.”

1 Chronicles 29:18, 19^{NLT}

¹⁵So be careful how you live.

Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephesians 5:13-15 ^{NLT}

*¹⁸Don't be drunk with wine,
because that will ruin your life. Instead,
be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,
and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
²⁰And give thanks for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:18-20 ^{NLT}

*¹⁵Therefore, let us offer through Jesus
a continual sacrifice of praise to God,
proclaiming our allegiance to his name.*

*¹⁶And don't forget to do good and to share
with those in need. These are the sacrifices that
please God.*

Hebrews 13:15, 16^{NLT}