

“Stay In The Basket”

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Hot air balloons fascinate me. They seem like they are slow going, but at times, especially when they catch a good breeze, they can really move. They also have a certain beauty as they float over the landscape.

Notes:

Because of balloons' flying capabilities, the people inside the balloon's basket can observe many things but not be affected by them directly. As long as a balloon keeps above trees and mountain tops (recommended procedure anyway) the passengers can observe disasters such as earthquakes or floods, but not be harmed by either. This reminds me of the promises in Psalm 91:

5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Psalm 91:5-8 NIV

Now, those riding in the balloon's basket have the ability to jump out into the swirl of circumstances below, but it is

usually not recommended. Likewise, we have the ability to jump out of the balloon basket of God's provision and protection, but choosing to do so is obviously not necessary or wise.

[a] Depending upon the air movement, sometimes the balloon will move swiftly by, and other times it will seem to hang overhead as it creeps across the sky. Likewise, as we stay in the “basket” of God's balloon of protection, we will sometimes breeze by dangerous circumstances, and other times it may seem like we go by so slowly that there is no earthly way that we can not be attacked. No matter how close the danger seems, remember and trust God's promise. “[Danger] will not come near you.” Rejoice in God's grace and stay in the basket!

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“The Confidence We Have” (Teaching Sketch)

1 John 5:14-15

“The confidence that we have.” If we have confidence in something or someone we say we believe in, are confident in, or trust in it or them. You may find it interesting to know the word used here in the original Greek also means: all out-spokenness, i.e. frankness, bluntness, publicity; by implication assurance :- bold (× -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), confidence, × freely, × openly, × plainly (-ness).— Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

These original Greek meanings I find interesting because in



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a true relationship there is outspokenness, frankness, bluntness, and confidence. Remember the Scriptures were not written in English thus as with any translation there is the necessity of interpretation. God is frank and open with Believers.

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Because of this confidence, it is important to keep in mind when someone we have confidence in tells us something they will do for us we tend to see it as a “done deal” the same needs to hold true for our relationship with God. He is faithful to keep His

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture:

1 John: 14-15 (NIV)

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth :15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14-15 (KJV)

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Vision For Sojourners' Fellowship

The Sojourners' Fellowship is a place for those called by God's Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord to share the Gospel and their calling with other called people.

The Sojourners' Fellowship members will seek the lost in their families, communities, regions, and nations presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. They will teach and nourish converts to duplicate the faith and function in others. As the fellowship grows it will plant other fellowships developing a network of Believers that is ever expanding.

Sojourners' Fellowship members will seek Believers who are not apart of any fellowship, encourage them in their faith and invite them to become part of Sojourners' Fellowship.



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Word. If you only wait until you see a promise come into manifestation your faith in that person is shallow. Your attitude is the, “When I see it I'll believe it,” type of thinking. A Believer believes! The Word tells God cannot lie!

In Hope

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; 3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; Titus 1:2-3 (KJV)

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

