



HOPE

anchors the soul

hebrews 6:19

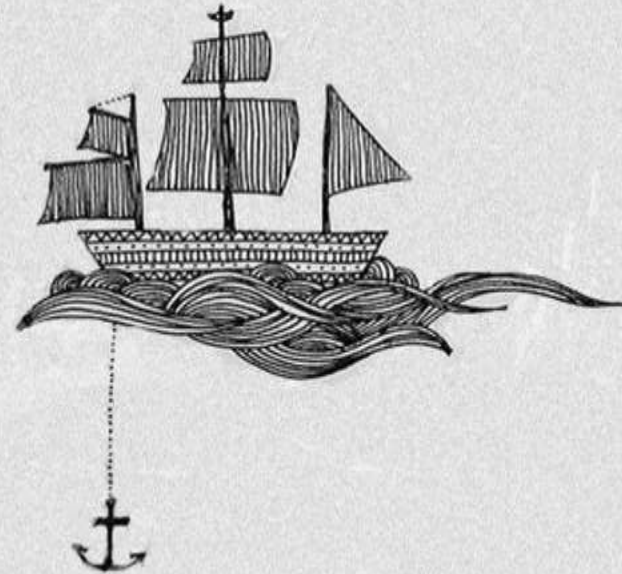
Hebrews 6:1

- There's a time in our spiritual walk when we need to feast on the milk of God's word.
 - "...first principles..." (5:12); "...elementary ..." (6:1)
- But, at some point, we must "cut [our] teeth on the meat" and mature.
 - 5:14; 6:1
- The author isn't dismissing the importance of the fundamentals (2 Peter 1:12-15), but he does acknowledge that we must grow past them.



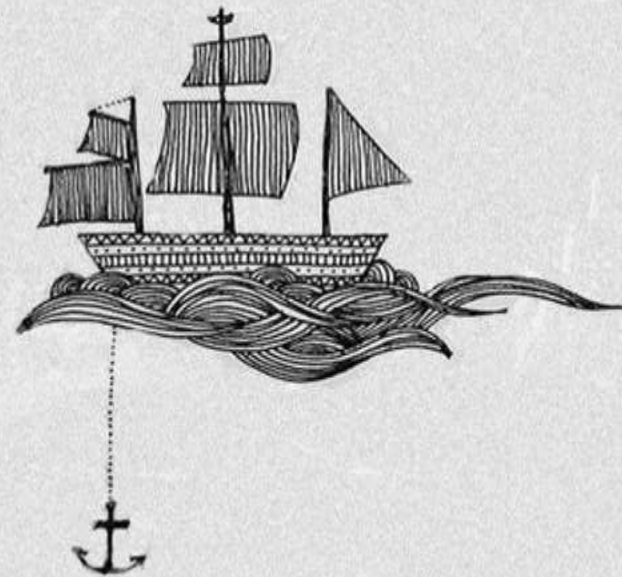
Hebrews 6:4-6

- **Who are these verses describing?**
 - **Christians who are in danger of rejecting God by their choices.**
- **Two questions:**
 1. **Is it possible for Christians to fall away (lose their salvation)?**
 2. **Once you fall away, can you be renewed again to repentance?**



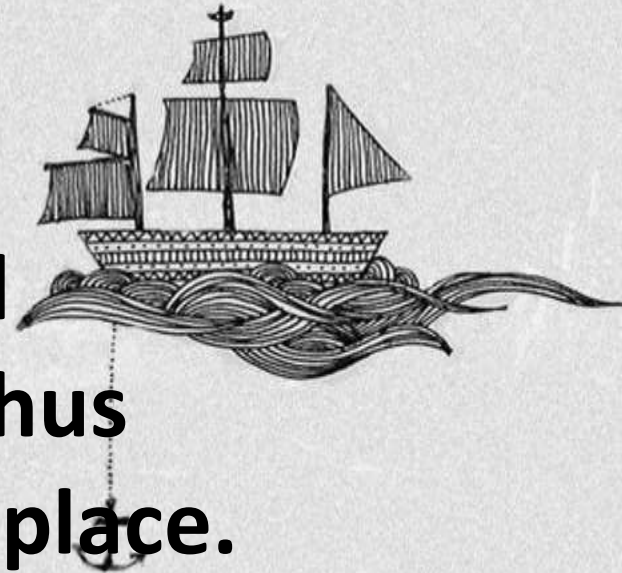
Can Christians Fall Away?

- **Some believe that God's children can never lose their salvation.**
 - **Once saved, always saved**
 - **Eternal security of the believer**
 - **Perseverance of the saints**
- **Is this what the Bible teaches?**
- **Consider what Hebrews says.**
 - **2:1-3**
 - **3:1, 12, 14**



Is Restoration an Option?

- **Difficulties with 6:6 exist.**
 - **Psalm 119:160**
 - **Allow other passages to shed light on this one.**
- **Two possibilities:**
 1. **_I_ nor _you_ can do anything for the person that has fallen away.**
 - **They must choose to return. Luke 15:17-19**
 2. **Once a person goes so far down the road of rebellion, they will not turn around, thus being impossible for restoration to take place.**



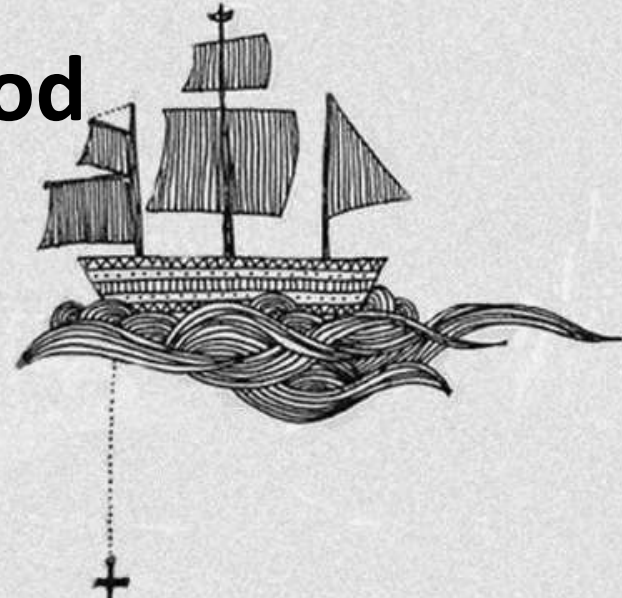
Hebrews 6:7, 8

First field

- 6:7
- Receives rain
- Bears useful herbs
- Blessed by God

Second field

- 6:8
- Receives rain
- Bears thorns and briers
- Rejected by God



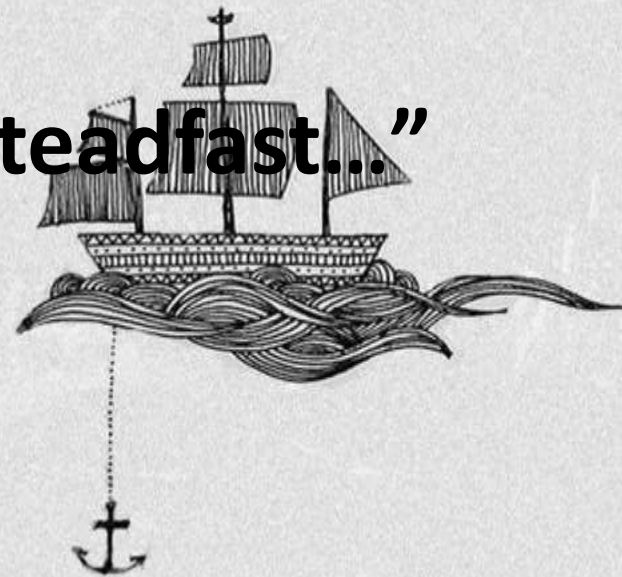
Hebrews 6:9-12

- **Author now changes his tone of voice.**
 - While stern about the real possibilities of going astray (6:4-6), he believes the readers will do better.
- **Encourages them toward diligence.**
 - The spiritual walk is not an easy one and will require inner strength.
- **Do not become lazy!**
 - Hebrews 11



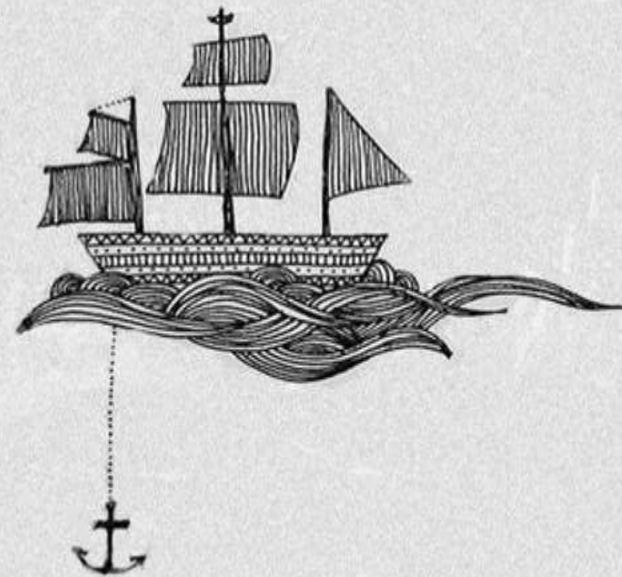
Hebrews 6:13-19

- **God's promises are true.**
- **The words that come from God's mouth are reliable and trustworthy.**
- **Hebrews 6:18, 19**
 - **"...It is impossible for God to lie..."**
 - **"...as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast..."**



God's Promises

- **How wonderful to think about the rewards God has in store for those who live with reverence for Him!**
- **How awful to consider that His punishment is also part of His promises to those who reject Him!**



What Will You Do?

- **God offers a refuge that can ground you through the toughest storms in life!**
 - **Hebrews 6:18, 19**
 - **This anchor is not moored in an earthly sea but in the very presence of the Almighty!**
- **Will you grab hold of the hope being offered?**
- **Hebrews 13:5, 6**

