

BACK TO THE BASICS

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INTRODUCTION:

A. The Good News is that Jesus is the best anchor because He promises us

"a rich [meaningful] and satisfying life."

— John 10:10

- Our meaning and satisfaction with life is waning a little right now...isn't it?

B. What we need in challenging, stormy times is to check our connection, our anchoring, in and with Jesus Christ.

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them, will produce much fruit."

— John 15:4-5

I. CHECKING OUR CONNECTION

A. It starts with believing and receiving.

"Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right (privilege) to become children of God."

— John 1:12

"Yes I [Jesus] am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved!"

— John 10:9

- Believing in Jesus enables us to receive the gift of Salvation.

o Yes, Eternal Life but also a life now that is ***"meaningful and satisfying."*** — John 10:10

"They will come in and go out and find (good) pastures."

— John 10:9

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me besides peaceful streams. He renews my strength." — Psalm 23:1-3

- What good thing could you use more of today?

- ***"Meaning and satisfaction"*** are an inside "fruit" that shows up on the outside of us.

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control."

— Galatians 5:22-23

- Which fruit could you use more of today?

B. It continues through daily trust and obedience.

"He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. After He has gathered His flock, He walks ahead of them and they follow Him because they know His voice." — John 10:3-4

- **Worship plus 2:** educational venue and service

o A fully devoted follower:

- Gaining a greater understanding of God's Word.
- Establishing a daily devotional life.
- Becoming financially committed to the work of Christ through tithing.
- Discovering and using one's Spiritual Gift(s) in service.
- Stepping up and in one's mission: as close as across the street and/or as far as the other side of the world!

- Not just getting older but, getting better (growing in spiritual maturity).

"We love because He first loved us."

— I John 4:19

CONCLUSION: