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**“Faith Means: Be Prepared”**

This past week I visited Niagara Falls for the first time. It is impressive and I was astounded at its beauty. It also reminded me of a story . . . . Too often in life an emergency arises and those caught in it are unprepared. The Boy Scout motto of “be prepared” is not a bad motto for most of us.

The mighty Niagara River plummets some 180 feet at the American and Horseshoe Falls. Before the falls, there are violent, turbulent rapids. Farther upstream, however, where the river’s current flows more gently, boats are able to navigate. Just before the Welland River empties into the Niagara, a pedestrian walkway spans the river. Posted on this bridge’s pylons is a warning sign for all boaters: DO YOU HAVE AN ANCHOR?

Followed by, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT?

Faith, like the capacity to anchor a boat, is something we need to develop and use before we face a cataclysm.

Come, Worship  
Stay, Learn  
Go, Serve