

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Faith Like An Anchor  
Romans 5:1-11

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Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

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**Where do you tend to drift most easily in your faith?**

Paul says we "stand" in grace, yet we often drift. What are the warning signs in your life that your spiritual anchor may be slipping? How can you re-anchor daily?

**How does the difference between "peace *with* God" and the "peace *of* God" help clarify your relationship with Him?**

Why is it important to recognize that our peace with God is objective and finished—not based on how we feel?

**Can you think of a time when suffering produced perseverance in your life—or someone else's?**

How did God use that process to shape character and ultimately deepen your hope? What helps you endure when you're in the middle of the struggle?

**What holds you back from approaching God with confidence?**

Paul says we can stand confidently in grace like a child running to their Father. Why do you think so many Christians still hesitate?

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