

# Breaking Free From Containment: 6

## Strengthen Your Stakes

### Isaiah 54.1-3

So far from these verses we have seen that:

- we need to make room for God to work in our lives;
- we must conform to His will and not expect God to conform to ours.
- we have to keep our dreams and visions alive by stretching back over our calling, and the promises of God by rehearsing and meditating what God has spoken to us
- we must not become content with our lot or get used to things the way they are but rather expect them to change
- we must not have a poverty mentality
- we must have a generous nature
- increase our vision, look beyond the place where we are at, reach further and wider

'strengthen your stakes' (vs2)

The peg anchors the tent to the ground,

- it provides security and stability.
- tent stays upright through the fiercest storm because of well driven pegs

The pegs are like a ship's anchor that secures the ship and keeps it from drifting

### What is our anchor?

#### Hebrews 6.19

Hope is the anchor of our soul.

Hope = *confident expectation* – it is not just wishing something, it is having confident expectation based on the truth of the Word of God.

Hope is sure and steadfast.

“[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it--a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil” (Amp)

'a hope that reaches farther..' - lengthen the cords – reach farther and wider (see part 5)

Hope is sure and steadfast, it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it.

Luke 5.5 (Amp)

“And Simon (Peter) answered, Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing

[*in our nets*]. But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [*again*]"

Peter is saying "I will step out on your word with confident expectation" - He had that same frame of mind when he walked on the water. All he needed was the word - Jesus said 'Come', he stepped out on that word

Hope will not break down, it will not slip, it is sure and steadfast – and it will bring us out of containment.

### **Ezra 9.8-9**

The grace of God gives us a peg in the Holy Place – what is the purpose of that peg? That God may enlighten our eyes (refresh our spirits, cheer our souls, give us light and gladness) and revival in our bondage (liberty from those things that contain us)

Hope is our anchor, our tent-peg, our stability – doubt is the opposite, it is unstable.

### **James 1.6-8**

- These verses are describing someone that is not anchored – they're drifting, being tossed to and fro by the wind and waves.
- This verse says that a double-minded man is unstable. Double-minded is to waver, vacillate
- The unstable man cannot receive anything from God – God is moved by faith! - not doubt, worry or unbelief

Worry locks you into fear, it locks you into the problem and keeps you in containment.