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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom:

1 Cor. 15:58 *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labor in the LORD is not in vain. (NIV)*

Who or what is your anchor? This world is too static to not have something to be anchored to. Many look to their wallet or bank account. If it goes too low, so do they. Many cling to their vocation or their popularity. They too will fail because nothing in this world is perfect. Paul is encouraging the church at Corinth to stand firm. This is a picture of something that is anchored and cannot be moved. What do we anchor ourselves to? It must be the only thing that is immovable, Jesus Christ our cornerstone.

When we labor for things that are temporal, they will someday vanish. And what would the good of working for something that has no lasting value be? **Ps. 127:1** reminds us of this: ***Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. (NIV)*** Paul says, ***let nothing move you.*** This is a reference to our weakness to be swayed by our emotions. These come and go and change in a matter of minutes. We must build on an eternal and solid foundation. This can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Edward Mote penned these lyrics to an old hymn many years ago:

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ, my righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Dear LORD, help us to stand firmly upon the eternal foundation of Jesus Christ our Rock. Then all that we do in His name will be of lasting good. We trust in You and You alone. In Jesus Name, Amen