



Inspire

Hope for the World

Anchored Crafts

In this crazy world, it is nice to know that we have an anchor that is firm and secure—the Lord Jesus Christ. Enjoy these anchor crafts to remind you of that promise.



Anchor Pillow

A little sewing is required to make this pillow slip cover, to add a nautical theme to your living room. Includes a free anchor printable.

<https://www.makelifelovely.com/diy-anchor-pillow-free-printable/>

Anchor Wreath with Ribbon

What a fun way to decorate your front door for the summer: <https://natashalh.com/diy-anchor-wreath/>



Nautical Coasters

These cork coasters will coordinate nicely with the lovely anchor pillow above.

<https://loveandmarriageblog.com/easy-nautical-diy-coasters/>



Anchor Charm Bracelet

Take the symbol of the anchor with you wherever you go: <http://www.chalkboardblue.com/2014/07/how-to-make-anchor-charm-bracelet.html?m=1>



INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Compton, CA did a “stress relief” program and offered a variety of stations: manicure, book reading, spiritual, art, puzzle, and activity books. The ladies were encouraged to choose something that they enjoyed doing to help them to de-stress.

Northwest DHQ staff and officers signed up for the “Run the Edge” Walking/Running Club. They have two teams and are working together to accomplish walking 2022 miles this year. How many miles can your WM walk/run this month or the rest of this year?

Merced, CA started something using “A Promise Box” in their weekly meeting. Each lady takes out a Bible verse and shares it with the others.

Ogden, UT packed hygiene kits for men and women, and prayed over each kit (and who might receive it) as they prepared them.

In **Redding, CA** everyone was given a prayer book, where they could record prayer requests and pray for each other.

San Diego Kroc, CA taught the women to write out their “story” and share their testimony. They also scheduled the women to share their testimony in WM as well as in the Sunday morning worship service.

Spokane, WA started a weekly Friday lunch with members of the corps who are employees. Their goal is to simply have a time of fellowship where they do not discuss “work,” but just spend time learning more about each other.

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

Be sure to check out our website for more resources: <https://usw-womensministries.org/>

Monthly Bible Trivia Questions—Seafarers

Anchors are an important feature of boats. Sailing was one of the main modes of transportation in Bible days. Do you remember these seafaring stories?

1. Who was instructed by God to build a ship to save him and his family from a flood (Genesis 6:13-14)?
2. Who sent ships to Tarshish to bring back gold, silver, ivory, apes and peacocks (2 Chronicles 9:21)?
3. Jonah took a ship to where in an attempt to flee from God (Jonah 1:3)?
4. Jesus found what 2 brothers with their father in a ship mending nets (Matthew 4:21)?
5. What was Jesus doing on a ship during a storm, while the disciples were afraid (Matthew 8:24-25)?
6. Who left a ship to walk on the water to Jesus (Matthew 14:24-29)?
7. Why did Jesus preach from a boat when he preached the parable of the Sower (Mark 4:1)?
8. Who were the disciples who fished all night but caught no fish after Jesus' death and resurrection (John 21:2-5)?
9. During a storm, who predicted that no life would be lost but the ship would be destroyed (Acts 27:22-26)?
10. How many times does the Bible say Paul was shipwrecked (2 Corinthians 11:25)?

Anchored in the Hope of God's Promises

If you watch the news on any given day, it appears as if the world is hopeless: the global pandemic continues, supply chain shortages, inflation affecting everything we purchase, a war is waging, global warming is impacting our weather patterns, mass shootings... It is hard not to lose hope.

Hallelujah for those who believe in Christ; we are never without hope. Hebrews 6:19a says, **“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”** What is this hope? If you read the verses before this (beginning at Hebrews 6:13) it is talking about the certainty of God's promise. God promised Abraham that he would have numerous descendants and that through his family line, the entire world would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3). This was God's promise of Jesus, the Messiah, the One who would save the world of their sins.

God's promise is based on His unchanging nature and He emphasizes He cannot lie (Hebrews 6:17-18). Therefore, we have the hope of His promise—Jesus. Jesus is our hope in an otherwise hopeless world. As the world tosses us about, we have the stability of being connected to Jesus. He is the anchor for our souls. He is firm, stable and secure.

No matter how bad things appear in our world, no matter how negatively the news reporter spins things, we have the promise of God through His Son, Jesus. If we are anchored to the hope we find in Christ, we can ride out any figurative storms that come our way.

Christian musician Ryan Stevenson in his song, “Eye of the Storm,” writes this about Christ as our anchor:

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.
And in the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor, when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me, in the eye of the storm.*

[Check out the entire song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sx8wTnnfSc>]

