

The Message After Devotional

Proverbs 16:7

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When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Friendships, kinships, relationships, and even fellowships are subject to hardship. However, the writer tells us that we can counter the chaos that destroys cohesion aboard these ships. He suggests, (Our If's Must Go), "when a man's ways". We must be estranged from (if) situations, and be deliberate in our responses to God's commands. Secondly, (Our Intent Must Change), "when a man's ways please the Lord". We often focus on pleasing those on board our ships [kin, friends, etc....], but our intent should be to please the Lord. Lastly, the writer declares, (Our Ships will Sail on Smoother Waters), "even his enemies will be at peace with him". My friends, the value and victory on and in our relationships with others is predicated upon the value and victory in and on our relationship with the Lord. The Bible is clear on this, "if you say you love God and hate your brother you are a liar" (1 John. 4:20) you can't love God and hate man. Remember a lie is a less than sufficient foundation upon which to build any ship, but the love of God is solid and strong enough to keep any ship a-float. So until the next time my brothers and sisters work on loving the Lord as He works on others.

The Prayer: Father, thank you for your goodness, and guidance toward us. In the name of your Son and our Sibling, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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