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THE FOGHORN

I grew up along the shore of Lake Michigan. In our little town was a beautiful beach, and a harbor where large ships transporting people and railroad box cars would go back and forth to Wisconsin. It was a natural harbor, but they made a breakwall out of cement that went out a mile from the shore into Lake Michigan. At the end of the breakwall was a lighthouse which also had a foghorn.

The lighthouse would be lit at night so ships could see the harbor, so they could come into it safely. The lighthouse also had a very loud foghorn that would sound continuously on and off when it was foggy. It was great to have the lighthouse, but fog could keep you from seeing the lighthouse even when it was lit up. The sound of the foghorn also guided large and small ships alike into the safety of the harbor. You could say that it sent out a "warning" to let one know there was danger if they got too close to the breakwall. If they hit the breakwall they would crash.

In the natural this is a wonderful tool. But there is a spiritual foghorn too. It is the voice of God speaking to us via the Holy Spirit. It is that voice that says "danger, sin ahead, don't go there." If we listen to this "foghorn" or voice of God, we will be spared the crash that comes when sin leads us into a "wall." How do you hear this voice? You hear it through the word of God, but also that inner witness that only Holy Spirit can bring.

Satan also has a sound. It is the sound of temptation. He will speak through this sound to get you enticed to sin. He will never lead you into anything good. It may appear good for a while, but you can be sure you will crash eventually.

How can you know which sound is from God? You know it by peace, and you know it by the Word of God. God never contradicts himself. He will never tell you to do something that is contrary to the word of God.

Let his voice be the "foghorn" that directs and guides you into all truth. If you listen and follow it, you won't crash!