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FAITH: OUR LIFE PRESERVER

I have been a fisherman since I was six years old. It is important when you go out to sea in a boat to have a life preserver. Without it, you could perish in a storm, or if your boat capsizes.

In the storms of our earthly life, we also could perish if not for a life preserver. What is our life preserver? It is our faith on Christ Jesus, our Savior.

There is a hymn which tells us this. It is taken from 2 Timothy 1:12b where it says, "For I know in whom I have be-liev-ed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

We have committed ourselves to Jesus against [unto] that glorious day of reckoning. He is able to keep that which we have committed to him in faith, namely our life, our very being, our future, all that we have, and all that we are.

Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17:11b for us saying, "Holy Father, keep [preserve] through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one [with us] as we are one."

The Father will preserve us blameless into eternity. What better assurance could we have? Our faith is our life preserver in the storms of life. The captain of our ship [Jesus] on life's ocean guarantees it.