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## Proverbs 31:25

Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.

## Psalm 112:7

He is not afraid of bad news;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

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# 1. A CHOSEN JOY (1:18–19)

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

— Edward Mote

# 1. A CHOSEN JOY (1:18–19)

Do you feel the world is broken?

*We do.*

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

*We do.*

But do you know that all the dark  
won't stop the light from getting through?

*We do.*

— Andrew Peterson





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### 2 Timothy 4:16–18

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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### 1 Corinthians 10:13

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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### Hebrews 2:14–15

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

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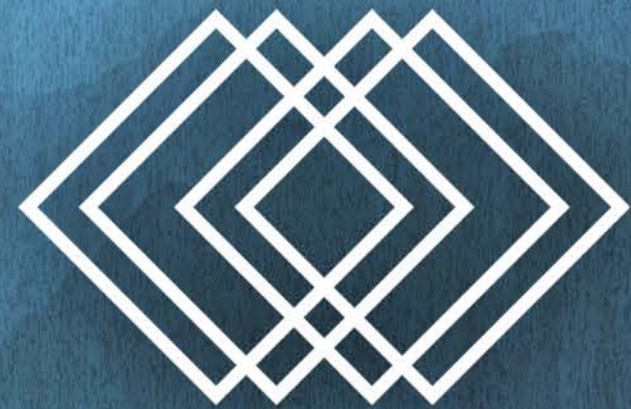
Psalm 38:9, 15

O Lord, all my longing is before you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

But for you, O LORD, do I wait;  
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

## 4. A CROSS-SHAPED DECISION (1:25–26)

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