I. Introduction
   B. There are some days when everything around you seems to cave in.
   C. There are anchors that enabled Paul to go through his test.

II The power of a good conscience.
   A. Conscience is what approves and convicts us.
   B. Conscience cannot make us do right—it can only approve of what is right.
   C. When we have a good conscience, we can do anything.
   D. A conscience can be so defiled that it no longer works.
   E. One can have a seared conscience also where it no longer convicts. (1 Timothy 4:2)
   F. An evil conscience approves of what is bad. (Hebrews 10:22)
   G. When difficulties come a clear conscience frees us from accusation.
   H. Even an evil conscience can be purged by Jesus. (Hebrews 10:22)

III The promise of a great hope. Paul believed in the resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15)

IV. The presence of a gracious Lord.
   A. There will be times when friends will not be with us.
   B. God will be with us.
Application questions;

1. How is a clean conscience helpful in difficulty? Explain.

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2. Why do you think many Christians today fail to grasp think in terms of future bodily resurrection?

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3. When have you most needed to experience the presence of God? What can you learn from times like those?

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