

AVOIDING ICEBERGS

FAITH REFLECTIONS FROM TITANIC FAILURE

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A large iceberg floats in a dark, calm sea under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The iceberg's visible tip is jagged and white, while its massive, dark, and textured base is submerged beneath the water's surface. The water reflects the sky and the submerged part of the iceberg. On the far left, a solid blue vertical bar contains a series of white dots of varying sizes, arranged in a pattern that suggests a list or a sequence.

OVERCONFIDENCE & THE ICEBERG AHEAD

SECTION I

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THE SINKABLE DELUSION: LUXURY *BEFORE* LIFEBOATS

SECTION II

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when **WEALTH** becomes the
LIFEBOAT:

The False Security of
MATERIALISM

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11





WHY ONLY 20
LIFEBOATS?



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- Pride
- Deck aesthetics
- Comfort/space
- Outdated regulations



"Soul, you have many goods...many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."

TITANIC FAITH

CANNOT SAVE A SINKING SOUL (LUKE 12:18-21)



Boasting
Luxury
Ignored Warnings
Wake-Up Call
Hope?

TITANIC FAITH

CANNOT SAVE A SINKING CHURCH (REV. 3:14-22)

MATTHEW 6:19-21

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



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COMPLACENCY & THE LACK OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PROVERBS 1:30-33

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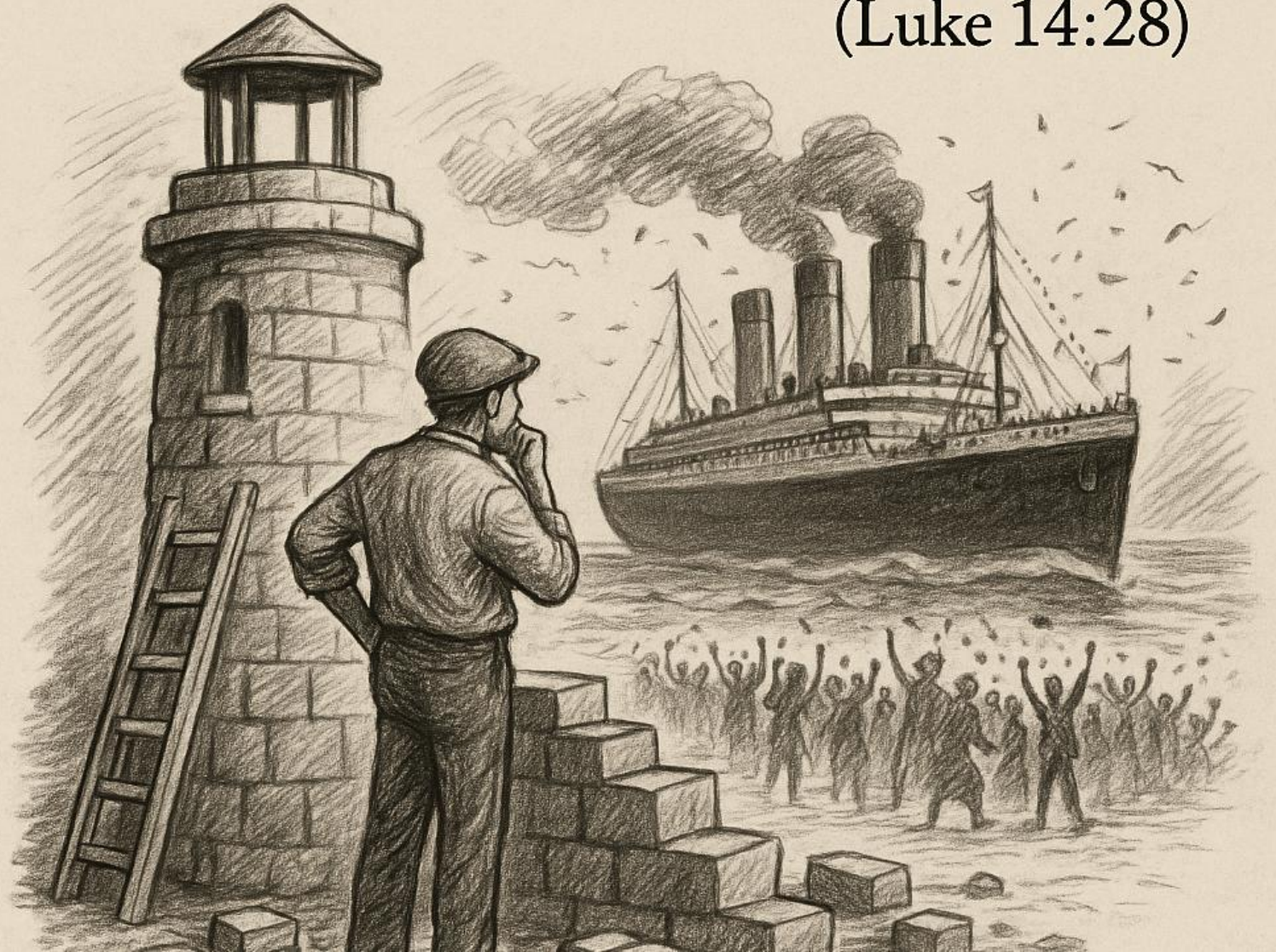
Confidence: *intending to build*
Preparation: *counting the cost*

LUKE 14:28-30

*"Confidence without
preparation doesn't
keep you afloat—it
sinks you before the
journey's end."*

"Before You Build—or Board—Count the Cost."

(Luke 14:28)



A large, dark blue ship is shown from a low angle, appearing to be stuck in a field of broken ice floes. The scene is dimly lit with a blueish-grey color palette, suggesting a cold, overcast day. The ship's hull and masts are visible, and the ice floes are scattered in the foreground and around the ship.

COMPLACENCY COMPLACENCY

PROVERBS 22:3, "A PRUDENT MAN FORESEES
EVIL AND HIDES HIMSELF, BUT THE SIMPLE PASS
ON AND ARE PUNISHED."

TWO KINGS. TWO LEGACIES. ONE TITANIC CONTRAST.

REHOBOAM, 2 CHRONICLES 11-12 / 1 KINGS 14

1. Strengthen himself...forsook the Law of the Lord

– 2 Chron. 12:1-4, 9, 13-14; 11:5-12

2. Did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord

– 2 Chron. 12:14

3. Permitted idolatry to spread

– 1 Kin. 14:22-24

Inherited a united kingdom...left it a kingdom divided!



TWO KINGS. TWO LEGACIES. ONE TITANIC CONTRAST.

ASA, 2 CHRONICLES 14 / 1 KINGS 15

1. Did what was *good* and *right* before God (2 Chron. 14:2)
2. Enacted *destructive godliness*—*removed what sinks nations*:
 - False trusts—the substitutes for God (2 Chron. 14:3, 5)
 - Perverted cults (1 Kin. 15:12)
 - Wicked influences (1 Kin. 15:13)
3. Enacted *constructive godliness* (2 Chron. 14:4)

Land has rest, cities were fortified, nation prospered (2 Chron. 14:6-7)



MATTHEW 25:10-13

10 “And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came**, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and **the door was shut**.

11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ **12** “But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ **13** “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

