



## Pastor's Comments

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## Holding On!

On a commuter flight, Henry Dempsey, the pilot, heard an unusual noise near the rear of the small aircraft. He turned the controls over to his co-pilot and went back to check it out. As he reached the tail section, the plane hit an air pocket, and Dempsey was tossed against the rear door. The door, which had not been properly latched, flew open and he was instantly sucked out of the jet! The co-pilot radioed the nearest airport requesting permission to make an emergency landing. He reported that the pilot had fallen out of the plane and requested a helicopter search of that area of the ocean.

After the plane landed, they found Dempsey--**holding onto the outdoor ladder of the aircraft!** Somehow he had caught the ladder and **held on** for ten minutes as the plane flew 200 MPH at an altitude of 4,000 feet! It took airport personnel several minutes to pry his fingers from the ladder.

Things in life may be turbulent, and you may not feel like **holding on**. But have you considered the alternative? Jesus said, "*He that shall endure **unto the end**, the same shall be saved*" (Matt. 24:13). Scriptures urge: "**Cleave unto the Lord**" (Acts 11:23); "**Be ye steadfast, unmoveable**" (I Cor. 15:58); "**Stand fast in the faith**" (I Cor. 16:13, Phil. 4:1, I Thess. 3:8); "**Continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel**" (Col. 1:23); "**Stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught**" (II Thess. 2:15); "**Holding fast the faithful word**" (Titus 1:9, II Tim. 1:13); "**Hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end**" (Heb. 3:14); "**Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering**" (Heb. 10:23). Jesus said, "*Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast** which thou hast, that no man take thy crown*" (Rev. 3:11).