

# *Pastor's Pen*

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In 1944, Ruth Caye Jones wrote *"In times like these you need a savior, in times like these you need an anchor. Be sure, be very sure, your anchor grips and holds the solid rock."*

There is a sense of anxiety and apprehension in the world. DACA, a program implemented by President Obama has been given a six-month phase out, after which, 800,000 so called dreamers, Hispanic children raised in this country could be deported.

The bellicose saber rattling of the North Koreans has become a game of one ups-manship that if not handled with great skill, could lead to stumbling into a nuclear confrontation that could produce destruction the like of which world has never seen.

Politics is bankrupt with no clear direction on healthcare, tax reform or attention to much needed infrastructure improvements, the nation seems to be without a rudder.

In the 1936 Broadway play *Green Pastures*, the angel Gabriel looks at the wickedness of humankind and says, "Lord is it time to blow the trumpet, because everything nailed down is coming loose"

The discovery of the North Star altered forever the nature of sailing. Prior to the scientific understanding that the North Star could always guide us to a Northerly direction, sailors had to remain within view of land to prevent getting lost. With the discovery of the North Star, sailors were not bound to stay near shorelines. As long as they could see that star, they would always know their direction.

In these dangerous and threatening times, we must never forget our North Star is Jesus. The winds may blow and the storms may rage, but He remains our constant guide.

When we feel anxious and fearful we must look to Jesus. No matter how threatening the journey, He will guide us to safe shores. *"This Rock is Jesus, yes He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only one, be sure, be very sure, your anchor grips and holds the sold rock."*