Devotional – “In Times Like These”

Death and destruction raged throughout the world. World War II was at its height. In that ominous and dark night of our earth’s history, amid the strains of wartime living, Ruth Caye Jones (1902-1972) composed the song that has been a blessing and comfort in many circumstances of distress.

*In times like these you need a Savior,*
*In times like these you need an anchor,*
*Be very sure, be very sure*
*Your anchor holds and grips the solid Rock!*

*This Rock is Jesus,*
*Yes, He’s the One;*
*This Rock is Jesus,*
*The only One!*
*Be very sure your anchor holds*
*And grips the solid Rock!*

*In times like these you need the Bible,*
*In times like these O be not idle;*
*Be very sure, Be very sure*
*Your anchor holds and grips the solid Rock!*

*In times like these I have a Savior,*
*In times like these I have an anchor;*
*I’m very sure, I’m very sure*
*My anchor holds and grips the solid Rock!*

The timeless message of this hymn can be appropriated for all difficult situations. An illness, a trial, a tragedy, a crisis, a death, a demanding task; all call for the stabilizing and sustaining presence of Christ in our lives. He is the only Rock to which our anchor of faith will hold steadfast in the storms of life.

May we, in whatever circumstances come our way, be able to say, “In times like these I have a Savior?” Then the storm may rage around us, but our anchor will hold because it “grips the solid Rock.”