



JUNE 29, 2025, RECAP – BE A TUGBOAT, PART 1

Summary Paragraph

A **cruise ship** is large, majestic, and full of people, but when it's time to leave the harbor and enter deep waters, it **cannot do it alone**. It needs a **tugboat**—a small, simple vessel that attaches to the ship and helps guide it through tight, tricky, and unfamiliar spaces. Though not flashy or grand, the tugboat is **essential**.

The tugboat can:

- **See what the cruise ship can't**
- Communicate critical instructions
- Fit into spaces too tight for the larger ship
- Safely guide the cruise ship into the deep, where it can sail freely

Once the ship reaches deep waters, the tugboat lets go—but without it, the ship may never leave the shore. **God is our tugboat.**

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- Even though God is all-knowing and all-powerful, He often works in what looks **small or simple** to help us navigate life.
- God sees what we cannot, knows what lies ahead, and leads us through tight spaces—**into the deep places of purpose, faith, and blessing.**
- While we drop **our anchor of hope and faith**, God is the one guiding us safely into our calling.

“God is already in your tomorrow, helping you navigate today.”



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Sometimes, you are the **cruise ship**—carrying a vision, a calling, or a dream. Other times, you are the **tugboat**—called to guide, support, and help someone else move into their purpose.

- The **tugboat role is not less than the ship's**. It's necessary.
- You may be the one to help another woman **navigate being a mother, a wife, a leader, or a believer in a tough world**.
- You may be the one with the experience, wisdom, or clarity that someone else desperately needs to **move forward**.

“We want to be the ship so bad—but sometimes, God is calling us to be the tugboat.”

Biblical Examples:

1. Moses and Aaron (Exodus 4:10–16)

- **Moses** is the “cruise ship”—called, anointed, but unsure and lacking confidence.
- God sends **Aaron** as the “tugboat”—a helper to speak for Moses and walk alongside him.
- Aaron’s role may have looked smaller, but it was **vital to the mission**. Without Aaron, Moses might not have answered his call.

2. Paul and Ananias (Acts 9:17–18)

- **Paul** was the chosen apostle, the “ship” that would carry the gospel far and wide. But first, he was **blinded and broken**.
- God used **Ananias**—a little-known believer—as the “tugboat” to help Paul see again and be baptized.
- Ananias only appears once, but his obedience was **critical to launching Paul’s ministry**.

God leads like a tugboat, quietly and effectively guiding us to our calling.



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***You may be someone's tugboat**—offering wisdom, support, and direction to a sister who's struggling.*

***Know your role in this season.** Sometimes God calls you to be the cruise ship. Sometimes, He calls you to be the tugboat. Both are holy.*

*Don't chase visibility. Chase **purpose**. Whether you're the one being guided or the one guiding, **God is using you** to help someone reach the deep.*