

SURVIVING THE STORM
Pt. 2: When All Hope Is Lost
Acts 27:20-44

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The storm continued raging until all hope of their being saved was abandoned (Acts 27:20).
- B. This is where some of you may find yourselves tonight. You have lost all hope of surviving the storm.
- C. When you find yourself losing all hope, remember the following things we learn from Paul's experience.

GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE STORM

- A. Paul told the others on board the ship to take heart or keep up their courage (Acts 27:21-22).
- B. Paul told the others on board that an angel of God stood before him (Acts 27:23-24).
 - 1. Paul recognized that though others had deserted him, the Lord stood by his side (2 Tim. 4:16-17).
 - 2. "I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken" (Psa. 16:8).
- C. We can have courage and peace during any storms we face because we have the Lord with us.
 - 1. The disciples were in a boat with Jesus when a storm arose and they were still afraid (Mk. 4:35-41).
 - 2. When we face storms, our peace should be found in the presence of Jesus.

GOD'S PROMISE IN THE STORM

- A. Paul assured the others he had faith in God to do exactly what He had promised (Acts 27:25).
 - 1. There would be no loss of life among them. He couldn't have known this without a revelation.
 - 2. He told Paul he was going to stand before Caesar; even bear witness in Rome (Acts 23:11).
- B. Paul assured them even though he had faith there would still be some difficulties (Acts 27:26).
 - 1. They were going to be shipwrecked upon some island.
 - 2. Paul didn't know what island they would be shipwrecked on, but he believed God.
- C. Just because we have faith doesn't mean we are promised to escape the storm without harm (Mt. 5:45).

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE STORM

- A. Paul kept the sailors from escaping from the ship (Acts 27:27-32).
- B. Paul kept a calming nature during a chaotic nightmare (Acts 27:33-38).
 - 1. Paul took time to eat and thank God while they were in the midst of a severe storm.
 - 2. Paul again reinforced that not a hair on any of their heads would perish; Paul remained calm.
- C. When we find ourselves in a storm, it's all about who is with us (Gal. 6:2, 9-10; Acts 27:24).

GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN THE STORM

- A. Paul and all those on board were brought safely to land (Acts 27:39-44).
 - 1. Imagine the opportunity this may have presented to Paul once the storm was over.
 - 2. Perhaps Paul was able to share the gospel with some of those who were on board the ship with him.
- B. Paul probably never expected to go to Rome as a prisoner, but God worked in his circumstances (Rom. 1:10).
- C. Even in the midst of a storm, God is still very much in control. Remember, God's got this (Rom. 8:28-30).

CONCLUSION:

- A. The day is coming when the storms of this life will be no more (Rev. 21:4).
- B. For those of you who are feeling as though all hope is lost, may you be reminded of the great and glorious God we serve.
- C. No matter how severe the storm may be, God is with you and will help to carry you through the storm.