

Faith in the Storms of Life **Acts 27:1-44**

Main Point:

Prepare for the coming storms of life by seeking a stronger faith today.

1. Like Paul, you will encounter storms in this life.
2. Faith in the Lord will anchor your soul in these storms.
3. Faith in the Lord will enable you to help others in these storms.
4. Faith in the Lord will make you a powerful witness for Jesus in these storms.
5. Faith in the Lord will not leave you disappointed in these storms.
6. Therefore, prepare for the coming storms of life by seeking a stronger faith today.

R. Kent Hughes “The record of Paul’s shipwreck in Acts 27 is intriguing history, but it is also a metaphor of what all Christians experience in their voyage through life.”

Psalm 42:7 7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. (NKJV)

Heidelberg Catechism 1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death? A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Derek Thomas “Through the bitterness of a shipwreck at sea, Paul emerges once again as a man of faith and courage because he trusted in God and his Word. The Word of God fortifies and enriches us, enabling us to withstand any storm and any battle that may come our way.”

Dennis Johnson “Paul’s calm consumption, and especially his public thanksgiving to the God of grace, bears witness to the peace amid life’s storms that Jesus gives through the new covenant.”

Dennis Johnson “Paul’s confidence that God would prove true to his Word was fully vindicated.”

Isaiah 55:10-11 10 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. (NKJV)

Romans 10:17 17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJV)

Michael Patton “We must recognize that personal sin is a faith-drainer. Disobedience to God will take a significant toll on your faith.”

Dennis Johnson “Although the spotlight is on Paul, the apostle is not a solitary superhero. Even in his life-threatening trials Paul was surrounded and supported by Christian friends ... ”

R.C. Sproul “Staying close to the Word, listening to the promises of our Redeemer, and opening my heart to Him are the things that kill unbelief and build a powerful faith that does not let me down in the midst of afflictions.”