

TEXT: Proverbs 18:10

TITLE: "Fear Not the Storm" (Dealing with Fear-part 5)

**→ In the storms of life God commands His people,
"Fear Not!"**

We have seen that ...

1. God Has Commanded "Fear Not" in Gigantic Miraculous Situations ... and
2. God Has Commanded, "Fear Not" in Ordinary Life Circumstances ... and now, we see that ...
3. God Has Commanded, "Fear Not" in the Midst of a Terrifying Storm.

Paul's Sailing to Rome in a Storm

→ Acts 27:24

1. The C :

- a. Paul had warned of the dangers of the voyage
→ 27:9-10
 - b. The Centurion listened to the ship "captain" and the owner instead of to Paul
→ 27:11
 - c. The Majority was wrong in their advice to sail to the Port of Phoenix on the Island of Crete
→ 27:12
 - d. They Set out from Crete and met a horrible storm
→ 27:13-14
 - e. The Sailors gave up and let the ship be borne along
→ 27:15
- QUOTE: "Caught in the violent wind, the ship was *driven along*. They were now out of control, at the mercy of the wind and sea" (NET Bible).**
- f. The Mariners tried to secure the ship, feared the sands off the coast of North Africa, took down sails and let the ship be driven.
→ 27:17
 - g. The Crew and Passengers were violently tossed and threw cargo overboard.
→ 27:18

h. They even threw the tackle overboard!

→ 27:19

i. Sun, Stars and Hope were gone while the tempest beat on them!

→ 27:20

j. The people on the ship had been fasting!

→ 27:21a

k. Paul mildly rebuked the sailors and passengers for not listening and incurring "DISASTER AND LOSS."

→ 27:21b

2. The F :

→ 27:20

- a. Sun & Stars did not appear for many days = darkness!
- b. A Huge storm beat down upon them!
- c. The Hope of being rescued from the storm was gone!
- d. Darkness, Storms, Hopelessness make for great cause for uncertainly and fear!

3. The C :

→ NOTE: God sent a message to Paul via an angel, while he was on a ship headed to Rome and in the midst of a horrific storm in the Mediterranean Sea! The message was, "DO NOT BE AFRAID."

4. The S :

- a. God revealed His plan via the Angel
→ 27:24b
 - 1) Paul would make it to Rome
 - 2) He would stand before Caesar
- b. God revealed His protection through the Angel
→ 27:24c
- c. Paul believed God's promise through the Angel
→ 27:25

**→ NOTE: Here is a great definition of faith—taking God at His Word, believing it will be, just as God said it would be!
→ Paul made it to Rome → 28:16**

APPLICATIONS: *What storms do you face?*