

STORMS: What to do in Troubled Times

PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

Acts 27:1-26 Jeff Schreve

How can you have the peace of God in the midst of the storm?

1. When it comes to storms, consider what got you there.

A. Did you get impatient?

And when considerable time had passed Acts 27:9

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; Be strong, and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:13-14

B. Did you reject godly counsel?

And when considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even the fast was already over, Paul began to admonish them, and said to them, "Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be attended with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." But the centurion was more persuaded by the pilot and the captain of the ship, than by what was being said by Paul.

Acts 27:9-11

C. Did you put too much emphasis on circumstances?

And because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, if somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. And when a moderate south wind came up, supposing that they had gained their purpose, they weighed anchor and began sailing along Crete, close inshore. Acts 27:12-13

D. Did you have no choice in the matter?

2. When it comes to storms, remember who's with you there.

And when they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete, and incurred this damage and loss. And yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there shall be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn

out exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on a certain island."
Acts 27:21-26

A. You can have peace because you can belong to God.

B. You can have peace because you can walk with God.

C. You can have peace because you can believe God.

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

3. When it comes to storms, see the impact you can have there.

"... and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you." Acts 27:24

A. God wants to bless others through you.

B. God wants to speak to others through you.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

If you will believe God, you will experience His peace.