

# “The God to Whom I Belong”

## Acts 27:1-38, ESV

**INTRODUCTION:** Of Acts 27 Dr. R.C. Sproul writes, “One of the most remarkable sections of the New Testament is Acts 27.” Now, that might grab your attention. Why? Dr. Sproul remarks that historians have said that Acts 27 contains a masterful presentation of what took place in squalls on the Mediterranean Sea in the ancient world of shipping. Luke’s account demonstrates the accuracy concerning the exact techniques that were used by sailors to guard against shipwreck. That, and the sovereignty and providence of God, account for the well-being of Paul and his travel mates. Furthermore, Dr. Sproul argues that episodes like this lend to the reliability of the Bible. Indeed, this is a great text for our consideration this morning.

### 1). The Ship’s Pilot (v. 1-12).

- In summary- the voyage progressed in **difficulty** and **danger** (v. 7-9).
- The centurion gave more attention to the ship’s **pilot** than to **Paul** (v. 10-12).

### 2). The Apostle’s God (v. 13-38).

- Paul addresses the beleaguered, fellow travelers with **heartening** words (v. 21-26).
- Notice especially **verses 23 and 24**. **God** assures Paul. **God** is directing.
- The **struggles** continue as described in verses **27-32**.
- Paul **declares**, “Your only hope of **salvation** is to stay on this ship!” (v. 31).
- Again, Paul addresses the **voyagers** (v. 33-35).
  1. Take some food; you need it.
  2. Not a hair on your head will perish.
  3. Took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and ate of it.
- They were all **encouraged** and ate some food themselves (v. 36).
- There were **276 persons** in the ship (v. 37).

**Application:** Our only hope of salvation is to put our hope in the crucified/resurrected Christ.