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Sermon Notes

Acts 27:1–5 (ESV)

¹And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius.

²And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica.

³The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for.

⁴And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us.

⁵And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia.

(Answer key located on the last page)

BIG IDEA — *In the midst of life's turbulent journeys, trust in God's guidance empowers us to persevere toward our divine calling.*

I. Commit to the Call *Acts 27:1 (ESV)*

Verse 1 does not say Paul volunteered. It says he was _____ — handed over like cargo.

God's call on your life doesn't wait for ideal _____.

Paul's circumstances changed; his _____ did not.

APPLICATION

Name one step of obedience God has been calling you to take that you've been putting off.

II. Count on Companions *Acts 27:2 (ESV)*

Aristarchus was a faithful _____ from Thessalonica who boarded the ship with Paul.

God rarely calls us to sail _____.

Jesus promised, "I am with you always, to the end of the _____" (Matthew 28:20).

APPLICATION

Reach out to one person this week — or become the Aristarchus who shows up for someone else's storm.

III. Claim God's Comfort *Acts 27:3 (ESV)*

Julius "treated Paul _____" and let him go be cared for by friends.

The Greek word behind "kindly" is *philanthrōpos* — literally, a love for _____.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____" (Matthew 11:28).

APPLICATION

Build a "Sidon stop" into your week — a deliberate pause to let God refresh your soul.

IV. Continue Confidently *Acts 27:4–5 (ESV)*

The ship sailed under the lee of Cyprus because the winds were _____ them.

God rarely removes every _____ the moment we ask — He sustains us through it.

Hebrews 12:2 says Jesus endured the cross "for the _____ set before him."

APPLICATION

Name the "contrary wind" you are facing right now, and write down one truth about God's faithfulness to hold onto.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Where in this current storm have I been trying to steer alone instead of trusting God's guidance?

Answer Key

I. Commit to the Call

delivered | conditions | calling

II. Count on Companions

Friend | alone | age

III. Claim God's Comfort

kindly | humanity | rest

IV. Continue Confidently

against | headwind | joy

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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