

ACTS

THE MISSION OF CHRIST LIVED OUT BY HIS CHURCH

Sunday Morning, May 28, 2023 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Through the Storm

Message Text: Acts 27-13-44

Introduction:

Can you remember being in a storm that threatened your life and you gave up hope of survival? This was the kind of storm that Paul and the rest of the two hundred and seventy-five people on board the ship of Alexandria would experience. Most of the time, when a storm comes into our lives, our first and only thought is how to get out of the storm. Sometimes we blame God or others for the storm and become resentful. In the storms of life that we will face, may we emulate the attitude the Apostle Paul demonstrated during the storm on the Adriatic Sea.

1. The _____ of the Storm (13-20)

A. The _____ of the Storm (13-14)

Acts 27:13-14 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete. 14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

DEFINITION—TEMPESTUOUS: typhoon; like a whirlwind; (of winds or storms) as if showing violent anger. (*Typhonikos*)

EUROCLYDON—nor'easter; typhoon

QUOTE: The chief plague of sailors, breaking up not only the spars but the hull itself. —Pliny

1 Samuel 30:4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

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B. The _____ of the Ship (15-20)

Acts 27:15-20 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive. 16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat: 17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven. 18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship; 19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship. 20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

DEFINITION—CAUGHT: to stall; to come to a stop (while sailing because of contrary winds)

THEY UNDERGIRD THE SHIP — ‘To [undergird] a ship is to pass four or five turns of a large cable-laid rope round the hull or frame of a ship, to support her in a great storm... — J. Smith 1880, *The Voyage and Shipwreck of St. Paul*

QUICKSANDS — The sandbars of Syrtis were located off Libya of North Africa.

Mark 4:38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

2. Paul's _____ in the Storm (21-29)

Acts 27:21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

NOTE — Sometimes the storms we face are brought about by the decisions of others.

A. Paul Focused on His _____ with God (22-23)

Acts 27:22-30 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

NOTE — Angels are ministering spirits that serve God and minister to the saints (*Hebrews 1:14*)

I BELONG TO GOD

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

I AM A SERVANT OF GOD

Acts 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

See Psalm 71:1–4

B. Paul Focused on the _____ from God (24-29)

Acts 27:24-29 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. 26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island. 27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country; 28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms. 29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

NOTE — Paul believed God's Word while the storm continued!

NOTE — a fathom is about 6 feet

Psalm 119:49–50 Remember the word unto thy servant, Upon which thou hast caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction: For thy word hath quickened me.

3. God's _____ through the Storm (30-44)

A. God Gave _____ in the Storm (30-38)

Acts 27:30–38 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship, 31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. 32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat. 36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat. And we were in all in the ship two hundred

threescore and sixteen souls. 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

NOTE — Storms and trials have a way of stealing our appetite.

PAUL GAVE THANKS TO GOD

PAUL'S PEACE BROUGHT OTHERS PEACE

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

B. God Gave _____ through the Storm (39-44)

Acts 27:39-44 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. 40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore. 41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: 44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

NOTE — God had safely brought them through the sea to Malta.

NOTE — God protected Pauls life and the lives of the criminals.
Roman law required the death of a centurion that lost a prisoner.

QUOTE: It seems they traveled some 1½ miles per hour, 36 per day, which brought the ship the 480 miles to Malta in about 13 days, exactly as Luke has described its course. — Lenski

Proverbs 21:31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: But safety is of the Lord.

Conclusion — Take Aways

Job 23:10 But he knoweth the way that I take: When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.



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