

Faithful influence

²⁷ On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. ²⁸ They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. ²⁹ Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. ³⁰ In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. ³¹ Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it fall away. – Acts 27:27-32

Faithful – "Loyal, Constant, Steadfast." (American Heritage Dictionary)

1.) God Should Be The Faithful Anchor Of Our Lives (Vv.1-12)

- He Is Unchanging (James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8)
- His Love Is Unfailing (Psalm 136)



2.) We All Get Stuck In Storms

- All Hope Was Lost (V.20)
- Worship God (V.23; Psalm 73)
- Trust God; Not Ourselves (V. 30; Romans 10:9).

Storms Show Us What We Trust
Storms Show Us What We Love
Storms Show Others What We Believe

3.) Speak Life In Storms

- Paul Offered Truth (Vv.10-13; Vv. 21-24)
- God's Foreknowledge And Man's Responsibility Go Together
(V. 24, 31; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:4)
- Cut The Backup Plan & Fully Hope In Jesus (V. 32)
- Our Obedience Now Impacts Others – Speak Life

When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me
till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.
- Psalm 73:16-17



Bottom Line:

Whatever storms and situations we find ourselves facing, God invites us to be anchored in His faithful, loving, kindness. As we learn to let go of our agendas and fully follow God, those around us are impacted by hope and help that is out of this world.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles. Life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, grow in faith, and discover the life-giving truth of God's Word.

Discuss some of these questions with a friend or with your Life Group:

- 1.) When I think of faithfulness, who or what do I think of? Why? Share with group
- 2.) When is a time I have been influenced by someone's faithfulness?
- 3.) When is a time when all hope was lost in my life? What happened?
- 4.) How have I been impacted by others speaking life to me?
- 5.) Do I have a favorite Scripture about God's faithfulness? If so, share with group
- 6.) How have I responded to God's faithfulness?

Reflect On Psalm 73

- 7.) What is the main thing I want to meditate on after this weekend's message?

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