

November 29, 2017
“Giving Thanks in the Storms of Life”
Acts 29: 20-30
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When Faced with Life’s Storms...

1. **Some Give Up Hope** *“Finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.”* (20). A storm can sap our energy, vision and finally hope. To save the ship: *“we let her drive”* (15), *“running under the shelter of a little island”* (16), *“used ropes and tackle and girded the ship”* (17) *“jettison the cargo”* (18) and *“threw the ship’s gear overboard”* (19).

2. **Some Cling to God’s Promises** *“Don’t be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And look! God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you”* (24)

3. **Some Want to Abandon Ship** *“Some sailors tried to escape from the ship. . .”* (30)

4. **Trusting God Results in Thankfulness** *“he (Paul) gave thanks to God in the presence of all of them”* (35) 276 hardened sailors, soldiers and criminals

Reflecting on the aftermath of our storm (Hurricane Harvey):



a) Thankful for volunteers



b) Thankful for generosity



c) Thankful for professionals

d) Thankful for power of the gospel in action

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