

— ACTS —

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Confidence in God when Circumstances are Beyond Our Control

Acts 27

NOTES:

God's Rescue is Realized Through Faith in Action

1. Paul appeals to Caesar and is sent off to Rome. (27:1-8)
2. Paul's warnings of danger are ignored. (27:9-12)
3. Violent storms produce a hopeless situation. (27:13-20)
4. God intervenes with a message of hope. (27:21-26)
5. Paul's warning and instruction are heard and acted upon. (27:27-38)
6. God's promise comes to pass. (Acts 27:39-44)

Trust God's Control and Purpose in the Midst of Uncontrollable Circumstances.

Hold fast to his...

1. ...presence.

Acts 27:23 *For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,*

Matt. 28:20 *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

2. ...peace.

Acts 27:24a *and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul;*

John 16:33 *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

3. ...plan and protection.

Acts 27:24b *you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*

Matt. 10:29 *Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

4. ...providence.

Acts 27:25 *So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.*

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

Describe a time when your circumstances were beyond your control. How did you respond (good and/or bad)? List some insights from Acts 27 that act as "anchors" for how best to navigate uncertainty. Share these with someone in your family or small group.

SONGS

*OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
HIS MERCY IS MORE
THE HEART OF WORSHIP
I LOVE YOU LORD*

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