

# Bringing Encouragement During the Storms of Life

## Acts 27

What is our role in times of crises?

### I. **Getting Caught in a Storm**

- Paul is on his way to Rome as a prisoner to face trial.
- Our faith and beliefs are not always popular.

**Read Acts 27:13-20**

- Syrtis is the area off the North African coast. They were concerned about the sandbars and rocks that could damage the boat.
- V. 20 "We finally gave up all hope."

### II. **Being an Encourager in the Storms of Life**

Acts 27:21-25

- Paul gave them hope when they had lost all hope
- Focus began to change from destruction to the future.

Acts 27: 33-36

- What is needed for people to survive a crisis? Physical and emotional support.
- Paul acknowledged God's presence. (Prayer can accomplish that for many)

### III. **Trusting in God's Purpose**

Acts 27:24

- God had a purpose for Paul, therefore he would be rescued from the storm. As a result, all on the ship will be saved with him.
- Understanding God's purpose can be difficult. But trusting God is essential.

## **Conclusion:**

- Don't let storms stop you in life. When you live according to God's purpose in your life, you will always find Peace.
- Storms will come, but my challenge for you is to be an encourager to others. Your encouragement can bring a person closer to God.

