

Intro: Different kinds of storms. Righteous and the Unrighteous go through storms; the wise and the foolish go through storms.

1. Consequences Come your way even if they didn't follow your advice. Acts 27:11 (HCSB)

¹¹ But the centurion paid attention to the captain and the owner of the ship rather than to what Paul said.

Acts 27:21 (HCSB)

²¹ Since many were going without food, Paul stood up among them and said, "You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss.

(Health Care Bills; whether you win or lose, you get the consequences; in the boat together)

2. Keeping the boat afloat during the storm. Four Survival Secrets: -Sudden Changes May Be Needed Acts 27:15 (HCSB)

¹⁵ Since the ship was caught and was unable to head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along.

-Stay Together Acts 27:17 (HCSB)

¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used ropes and tackle and girded the ship. Then, fearing they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the drift-anchor, and in this way they were driven along.

Acts 27:30-32 (HCSB)

³⁰ Some sailors tried to escape from the ship; they had let down the skiff into the sea, pretending that they were going to put out anchors from the bow.

³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

³² Then the soldiers cut the ropes holding the skiff and let it drop away.

-Slow Down Acts 27:17 (HCSB) ¹⁷ After hoisting it up, they used ropes and tackle and girded the ship. Then, fearing they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the drift-anchor, and in this way they were driven along.

Acts 27:27-29 (HCSB)

²⁷ When the fourteenth night came, we were drifting in the Adriatic Sea, and in the middle of the night the sailors thought they were approaching land.

²⁸ They took a sounding and found it to be 120 feet deep; when they had sailed a little farther and sounded again, they found it to be 90 feet deep.

²⁹ Then, fearing we might run aground in some rocky place, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight to come.

-Seek To Lighten Your Load. Acts 27:18-19 (HCSB)

¹⁸ Because we were being severely battered by the storm, they began to jettison the cargo the next day.

¹⁹ On the third day, they threw the ship's gear overboard with their own hands.

3. Courage Must Be Encouraged

Acts 27:20-26 (HCSB)

²⁰ For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and the severe storm kept raging; finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.

²¹ Since many were going without food, Paul stood up among them and said, "You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss.

²² Now I urge you to take courage, because there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship.

²³ For this night an angel of the God I belong to and serve stood by me,

²⁴ saying, 'Don't be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And, look! God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.'

²⁵ Therefore, take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me.

²⁶ However, we must run aground on a certain island."

4. Common Sense To Take Care of yourself.

Acts 27:33-38 (HCSB)

³³ When it was just about daylight, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have been waiting and going without food, having eaten nothing.

³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For this has to do with your survival, since not a hair will be lost from the head of any of you.”

³⁵ After he said these things and had taken some bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of them all, and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

³⁶ They all became encouraged and took food themselves.

³⁷ In all there were 276 of us on the ship.

³⁸ And having eaten enough food, they began to lighten the ship by throwing the grain overboard into the sea.

5. Conflict Can Kill you quicker than the storm.

Acts 27:39-44 (HCSB) ³⁹ When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but sighted a bay with a beach. They planned to run the ship ashore if they could.

⁴⁰ After casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and headed for the beach.

⁴¹ But they struck a sandbar and ran the ship aground. The bow jammed fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to break up with the pounding of the waves.

⁴² The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners so that no one could swim off and escape.

⁴³ But the centurion kept them from carrying out their plan because he wanted to save Paul, so he ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land.

⁴⁴ The rest were to follow, some on planks and some on debris from the ship. In this way, all got safely to land.

(Angry and frightened people often turn against one another.)

Galatians 5:15 (HCSB) ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.

Conclusion – We all go through storms, and most of them impact those around us. We go through storms together. But, the most important factor is to have already made Jesus the captain of your ship before the storm hits.