

Paul: A Preacher Shipwrecked

Introduction: This lesson might also be called "When the Storm Hits." It shows us how to be _____ when life has you in a shipwreck. "Life is a great sea and our lives are little boats" (McGee). This could also be seen as the beginning of Paul's prison ministry.

- I. The _____ Sailing (Acts 27:1-13)
- A. Now Paul is officially on his voyage to _____ --God's ultimate goal for him.
 - B. The centurion treated Paul with _____.
 - C. The weather determined _____ for them.
 - D. It was revealed to Paul that _____ was ahead of them on this voyage.
 - E. The centurion believed the "professionals" and decided to set _____.
 - F. Favorable circumstances in the present do not guarantee ease in the _____.
- II. The _____ Storm (Acts 27:14-20)
- A. Soon after their departure they faced a _____-like storm.
 - B. The whole ship was in a frenzy trying to _____ the storm.
 - C. It is very easy to give up _____ while in the storm.
- III. The _____ Sense (Acts 27:21-36)
- A. It always does us well to heed the _____ before we find ourselves in trouble.
 - B. Paul had complete _____ that God would keep His promise—even while the storm was still raging.
 - C. We can "be of good _____" despite the circumstances when we know the Lord is with us and we are in His will.
 - D. The storm may shake things up, but we must stay in the boat until Christ _____ it (Mk. 4:39).
 - E. Paul had good _____ sense and saw to it that everybody ate well before the ship was destroyed.
 - F. He was not _____ to give the Lord thanks in front of unbelievers.
- IV. The _____ Shipwreck (Acts 27:37-44)
- A. It could be said that Paul was really the one _____ for these 276 lives on board.
 - B. Paul being on board actually _____ the lives of all the prisoners.
 - C. Once the ship ran aground, it split in half and everybody had to _____ to shore themselves.
 - D. God kept His _____.
 - E. "What a _____ thing it is to trust the Word of God" (McGee).

Conclusion: "This sea voyage might reasonably be called Paul's fourth missionary journey. He was just as active when he went to Rome; he exercised the same latitude, he made as many contacts, and he witnessed just as faithfully as he had on his other journeys" (McGee).