



PRAYING THROUGH THE STORM

ACTS 27



ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LIMITATIONS

Acts 27:1

And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius.

**There are forces
we cannot overcome**

**There are circumstances
we cannot control**

Acts 27:4-7

4 And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because **the winds were against us.** **5** And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia.

Acts 27:4-7

⁶ There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷ We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as **the wind did not allow us to go farther**, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone.



ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LIMITATIONS



SEEK DIVINE INTERVENTION

God is OMNIPRESENT

Acts 27:21-24

21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

Acts 27:21-24

23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, **24** and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Psa 139:7-12

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, **you are there!** If I make my bed in Sheol, **you are there!** ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ **even there** your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Psa 139:7-12

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for **darkness is as light with you.**

God is OMNIPOTENT

Acts 27:33-34

33 As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. **34** Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, **for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.**”

Acts 27:44b

... and so it was that
all were brought
safely to land.



EXERCISE TRUST

**Be Reassured
in His Presence**

Acts 27:24-25

²⁴ and he said, '**Do not be afraid**, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ So **take heart**, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.

Php 4:6-7

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Be Refreshed
in His Promises**

Acts 27:35-36

35 And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and **began to eat.** **36** Then **they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves.**

Jer 31:25, NIV

I will **refresh** the weary
and **satisfy** the faint.

Pro 3:5-8

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

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2. Let God