

## Acts of Jesus, Lesson 56: Weathering the Storm, Part 2



**Acts 27:15-44** - They weathered the storm.



We saw last time that the most important element to weathering the storm is the assurance of God's presence in the midst of the storm.

- 1) We can be assured by the people God sends – watch because people from the Body of Christ will be sent to minister to you.
  - 2) We can be assured by the how He helps us clear the deck.
  - 3) We can be assured by what the storm does for us in that God uses it to introduce us to our world.
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**We started last time answering the question *How Do We Weather the Storms of Life?* And we will finish answering this question together today.**

1. Weathering the storms of life begins before the storms ever get here, it starts by being prepared.
    - ✓ Your ability to weather a storm is directly proportional to the strength of your relationship with God before the storm arrives.
    - ✓ Jesus tells the story of the 2 men one built his house on the sand and other on the rock, the storm hits them both, one weathers it and the other doesn't.
    - ✓ Jesus must be the foundation of personal lives, marriage, business, family if they are going to Weather the storms.
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2. Choose your response: Here's Paul's chosen response: **Philippians 4:4-8.**



### **Options for Responding to Storms**

- 1) Curse Your Storm, get angry and bitter and curse your circumstances
  - 2) Nurse Your Storm, wallow in self-pity and it becomes your excuse to give up on life.
  - 3) Rehearse your storms, use it as a way of getting yourself attention and get nowhere.
  - 4) Reverse Your Storms, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice".
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3. Drop Anchor. In **verse 29** the sailors dropped four anchors to save a sinking ship to no avail, but Paul's anchors were set already which enabled him to weather the storm.



### **Anchor of God's Presence: Verse 23**

- ✓ Your storm may be a dark one, but I can promise you one thing, God is good on His Word → **Hebrews 13:5**



### **Anchor of God's Promises – Verses 24-25**

- ✓ Can you say that? "I believe God"



### **Anchor of God's Plans – Verse 24**

- ✓ Did you catch that? Paul was doing something for God, he had a mission.
  - ✓ Do you have a mission, a vision of things God wants you to do?
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