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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Storms/Shipwrecks/Snakes

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Acts 27-28

Paul's journey to Rome was not easy. Before being sent to Rome, Paul faced multiple trials. In his final trial Paul faced Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice. Do you remember Agrippa's final words to Festus? "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar." Paul was then turned over to a Centurion, Julius of the Augustan cohort. He was then placed on a ship with the intended destination of Rome. All along this journey, Paul experienced storms, shipwreck, and snake bite. In spite of such circumstances, Paul experienced God's faithfulness, and he remained faithful to the Lord.

KEY THOUGHT: I pray that on your journey you will experience God's faithfulness and will remain faithful to the Lord.

Storms remind us of God's faithfulness!

In the storm and after the storm, the Lord proved Himself faithful.

- Overwhelmed Paul with kindness
- Supplied all his needs
- Mightily encouraged him
- Delivered him from storms/shipwreck/snake bite
- Blessed his influence
- Fulfilled his desires (Paul wanted to get to Rome)

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Storms provide opportunity to exercise faith and faithfulness.

It seemed at times that they would not survive and that this storm would never end and that Paul would never reach his destination, through it all, Paul seems to have exhibited a faith that sustained him through the ordeal of being a prisoner and through the ordeal of going through several weeks of stormy weather. In fact, in the midst of their darkest hour, Paul rose up and said clearly and confidently in 27:25, “I believe God.”

Paul was calm, courageous, confident!

Storms present opportunities to express our faith to others!

- Be a source of encouragement
- Be a source of clear gospel proclamation