



Title | When All Hope Is Abandoned
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 27:1-44
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Sermon Notes

Acts 27:20 When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. **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. **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.’ **25** So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. **26** But we must run aground on some island.” *ESV*

Big Idea:

Acts 27:25 “So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.” *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 27:1-44. In keeping with Acts 27:20, have there been storms in your life that have prompted you to abandon all hope?

Tuesday:

From Acts 27:22-26, find evidence in support of the following truths: 1) I belong to God whom I serve, 2) God is working his plan, 3) God is attentive and gracious, 4) God is faithful to his word, and 5) God's purposes are always in play, but not always apparent. How do these truths help us to "take heart" during storms?

Wednesday:

Read Acts 27:1 and Philippians 1:12-13. Philippians was written by Paul after arriving in Rome through the storm in Acts 27. How do you think God may have used the storm and Julius to pave the way for Paul and the gospel among the imperial guard in Rome?

Thursday:

Based on the example of Paul and the storm in Acts 27, how specifically can you take heart when you are tempted to lose hope?

Friday:

From Acts 27, identify some good things that came from the storm.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, when I am tempted to lose hope in storms, help me to take heart in you, remembering the things that are true about you and me no matter how bad the storm gets. Amen.

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