

INPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP

An Inductive Study of the Book of Acts

Peaceful Discipleship
Acts 27:1-44

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Focal Passages

➤ **Scripture Reading Volunteers:**

- ✓ *Acts 27:19-22*
- ✓ *Acts 27:33-38*

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Acts 1:8

“But you will receive **POWER**
when the Holy Spirit has come on you,
and you will be My witnesses in
Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

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PAUL'S CONFIDENT HOPE

Acts 27:19-22

¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and the severe storm kept raging. Finally **all hope was fading that we would be saved.**

²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss. ²²Now I urge you to take courage, because there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship.

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*Now I urge you to take courage, because **there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship.***



How can Paul be so certain that no one would die after all they had endured on this voyage?



What gave him so much confidence, why would he even think it possible?

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God always keeps His promises!

Acts 27:23-24

²³For last night an angel of the God I belong to and serve stood by me ²⁴and said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul. **It is necessary for you to appear before Caesar.** And indeed, God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.'

Acts 23:11

The following night, the Lord stood by him and said, "Have courage! For as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary for you to testify in Rome."

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PAUL'S REASSURING FAITH

Acts 27:25

²⁵So take courage, men, because **I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me. ²⁶But we have to run aground on some island."**

After 14 nights at sea, and 475 nautical miles traveled, **the ship came near land**, at long last.

Some of the sailors drop 4 anchors **from the stern** to keep from running aground in the dark.

Paul tells the men they need to **stay on the ship** to live.

Other sailors are nervous and lower the lifeboat, pretending to lay out anchors **from the bow**.

The sailors **cut the ropes** and drop the skiff into the sea.

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PAUL'S ENCOURAGING PRAYER

Acts 27:33-38

³³When it was about daylight, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been waiting and going without food, having eaten nothing. For this is for your survival, since none of you will lose a hair of your head." ³⁵After he said these things and had thanked God in the presence of all of them, and after he broke bread, he began to eat. ³⁶They all were encouraged and took food themselves. ³⁷In all there were 276 of us on the ship. ³⁸When they had eaten enough, they began to lighten the ship by throwing the grain overboard into the sea.

How could Paul remain so peaceful and calm amid such turmoil and crisis?

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ENCOURAGING PRAYER

ACTS 27:33-38

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Does this situation remind you of any other storm story?

Luke 8:22-25

Who brought peace in the middle of that storm?

Who comforts us?

- Paul's prayer of thanksgiving brought encouragement to the men on the ship who had endured much.
- It also brought peace to him and all who endured the storm alongside him.

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- ➔ Amid a chaotic and terrifying situation, Paul remained calm and peaceful, trusting God to keep his promise.
- ➔ The way he responded to the situation made an indelible mark on all who were with him - they were all healthy, safely ashore and encouraged by Paul.
- ➔ Some of us are in the middle of a major storm right now.
- ➔ How we respond to the situation will say much about our relationship with God and our faith in Him.
- ➔ Don't worry – present your requests to God and trust Him with the outcome!

May **the peace that surpasses all understanding**, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, as you navigate the storm!

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Acts 28:1–31

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