

The Great Adventure: Acts 27 "Storms" Message to Conversation Guide

1. There are all kinds of different storms; earthquakes, blizzards, thunderstorms, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, tropical storms, hurricanes, etc. What is the most memorable weather-related storm you have experienced?

How did you feel going through that storm? Did you feel safe? Peaceful?

2. What do you think and/or feel when you read that Jesus says you will have tribulation in this world?

John 16:33

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

- 3. Storms in life come in many different forms. Have you ever been through what you would describe as a life "storm"?
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- 5. Did (of do) you find it difficult to keep a clear focus, stay on course, or hear God during the storm?
- 6. How did (does) fear try to impact your life during the storm?

7. When you read,

1 Tim. 1:7 "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind" how does this apply to your life?

Pastor Sam referred to the spirit of fear as trying to influence your life to make bad fear-based decisions instead of faith-based decisions. Have you noticed this in your life?

Pastor Sam defined "sound mind" as having the ability to receive information clearly, process it righteously, and act on it boldly! In what way does this operate in your life?

- 8. Have you ever suffered or been in a storm while or for doing the right thing?
- 9. In what way have you experienced

Psalm 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all."

10. God sent an angel to encourage and minister to Paul during the storm.

Acts 27:23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

How has God encouraged you while in a storm?

In what ways have you experienced the presence of God in a storm?

11. How have you been able to use your testimony of coming through a storm as an example or encouragement to someone?

How has your life been impacted through the encouragement or example of someone else's spiritual journey?