

# Safe in the Storm

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Acts 27:1-44

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## **Snap shot:**

The only safe place to be is in the will of God.

I. Dwelling in the will of man is not safe (27:1–20)

II. Dwelling in the will of God is safe (27:21–25, 39-44)

III. How do we dwell in the will of God (27:

## **Connect**

What makes you feel safe?

## **Study**

### **Point 1: Dwelling in the will of man is not safe (27:1–20)**

READ Jeremiah 17:5–13; Psalm 146:3–4; Isaiah 2:22

1) How do these verses reveal that dwelling in the will of man is not safe? What limitations of humanity are exposed in these verses? Why does it seem easier to trust in our own will or way than in the Lord's? Does not dwelling in the will of humanity mean that you cannot listen to others advise? Why or why not?

2) Discuss times and ways that you fall into focusing on your own will or others will instead of the Lords. What would help you to remember to “stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?”

### **Point 2: Dwelling in the will of God is safe**

READ Acts 27:21-38; Isaiah 14:24–27

3) Does safety in the will of God mean no trials or tribulations? Why or why not? What does it mean to be safe in the will of God?

From sermon: “Saying that the Lord is sovereign means that He holds supreme, absolute, and uncontrollable power and is completely free from outside interference . . . He is free to do as He pleases! (Psalm 115:3; 135:6; Daniel 4:35)”

4) What do these passages teach you of God's sovereignty? Why is it important to understand God's sovereignty? How does God's sovereignty help in seasons of storms? How can you develop your understanding of, and faith in, God's sovereignty?

### **Point 3: How do we dwell in the will of God (27:21–38)**

READ Acts 27:21–38; Romans 12:1–2; Ephesians 5:7–10

5) Use the passages above to develop how we are to dwell in the will of God.

6) In the sermon we discussed ways we dwell in the will of God (hearing the Word, believing the Word, trusting and obeying the Word, in worship, in rest, in encouraging one another). What does it look like to hear the Word? What does it look like to believe the Word? What does it look like to trust and obey the Word? What does it look like to worship when things look hopeless? What does it look like to rest in chaos? How have you been or have you encouraged someone in hopelessness?

### **Pray the passage**

Sovereign Lord, we praise you for you alone are all-knowing, all-powerful, and ever-present. Your plans are perfect, your promises certain, and your ways inscrutable.

Forgive us for the times that we allow our wills to become the thing that drives our actions and reactions. Teach us by your Spirit to rely on you in every situation and circumstance. Teach us to hear your Word, believe your Word, and obey your Word.

Lord, help us to worship in the storms of life and rest in your perfect will. Bring around us those who encourage us to look to you and make us ones who encourage others. We pray this all in your awesome and powerful name, Jesus, amen.

### **Memorize & Meditate**

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths” (Proverbs 3:4, 5).

### **Preparing for next week**

**Read:** Acts 28:1-16

**Ask:** questions of the text.

**Pray:** through text, for Pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.