

Bible study for the week starting May 14, 2023

SHARE

Today we are looking at what we do in the midst of life's storms. If you were to compare your life circumstacnes right now to a storm: what kind of storm would you be in? (Bright and Sunny, Cloudy (with a chance of meatballs), Summer Thunderstorm, or Hurricane level winds and rain. Or any other storm level of analogy? What made you respond that way?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

- 1. Read ACTS 27:1-12 When have you been in a situation where you "knew better" but people just didn't lsiten to you?
 - a. Have you ever tried to give someone a warning? When have they listened? When have they disregarded?
 - **b.** Read Galatains 6:1-2 When is a warning most heard? When warning others, what should you be aware of?
- **2. Read ACTS 27:13-26** What is the progression of desperation they experienced on the boat? (Throwing what off each day) Have you ever been desperate? What have you done in desperation?
 - **a. Verse 20** is a pivitol verse. They "gave up hope." Have you ever been in a situation where you have given up hope? Why is hope so important?
 - **b.** Verses 22- 26 Paul gives reason for having hope in the storm. What is his hope?
 - c. How have you weathered life's storms...where has your hope been found? Who reminded you to the source of real hope?
- 3. Read ACTS 27:27-44 Paul promised that everyone would survive...and did they? When did the plan almost go sideways? (Multiple times) What did Paul do in the midst? (v. 35)

PRAY

Pray for peace and strength in storm. And for all those who are struggling. Prayers for protection and deliverance in the storms of life.



Safe in the Storm: Acts 27:1-44 May 14, 2023: Pastor Ben Schrank

Father and MOTHER are apostles, bishops and priests to their children, for it is they who make them acquainted with the gospel.

-Martin Luther

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am <u>FEARFULLY</u> and <u>WONDERFULLY</u> made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139: 13-14

"Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. THREE TIMES I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;" 2 Corinthians 11:25

SAFE in the STORM:

1) Pre-storm: Seek the <u>LEE</u>.

2) Mid-Storm: Have FAITH in God.

3) After-Storm: Safety doesn't mean there aren't SHIPWRECKS.

He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that <u>ALL</u> were brought <u>SAFELY</u> to land. Acts 27:43-44

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS 1 will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. Psalm 57:1