

Discussion Questions
June 28, 2026 | Acts 27:20-28:10
Hope in the Storm

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. When everyone aboard the ship had “gave up all hope” (Acts 27:20), God spoke to Paul in the midst of the storm: “Keep up your courage” (v. 22). What does this teach us about how God's Word brings hope in seemingly hopeless situations? How can God's promises help us stand faithfully when we face our life's storms?
2. Romans 12:12 says, “Be patient in affliction.” What role do patience and faith play when God calls us to endure hardships that last longer than we expected? How can we continue trusting Him during those seasons?
3. Jesus says, “Abide in me” (John 15:4). How can we practically abide in Christ and remain faithful as He sustains us through times of suffering and affliction?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. In light of Romans 12:12, where do you need God's hope, greater patience in affliction, or renewed joy in prayer?
5. We called to “live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). How does this encourage us to trust God's promises rather than our circumstances or perceptions, knowing that our feelings and perceptions can sometimes be deceptive?
6. In Luke 8:22–25, Jesus demonstrates His authority over the storm. How does this strengthen our hope in Him and help us stand firm when we face trials and uncertainty?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. After God encouraged Paul, Paul encouraged everyone on the ship (Acts 27:22–25). What does this teach us about trusting God and receiving hope from Him before encouraging others?
8. Romans 12:12 calls us to “be faithful in prayer.” How does this remind us to bring both our own needs and the needs of others before God with faith and hope?
9. Following Paul's example, how can we encourage and pray for others, and be faithful witnesses of the hope we have in Christ? How can God use us to bring hope to those facing illness, grief, loneliness, or other hardships in a world where many have lost hope?