

THE BENEFITS OF STORMS

Acts 27:14-26

1. They push us out of our comfort zones

But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon. So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive. (14-15)

2. They clarify our values

And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship. (18)

3. They expose our hopes

Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up. (20)

4. They draw us closer to God

But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. (21-22)

5. They create opportunities to exalt Jesus

For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. However, we must run aground on a certain island." (23-26)