

SAUL TO PAUL
"Surviving the Storm" (Acts 27)

"A wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm..." Acts 27:14-15 (NIV)

What gets us into trouble:

1. We follow bad advice. v. 11 *"...they followed the advice of the (ship's) pilot..."*
2. We follow the crowd. v. 12 *"the majority decided that we should sail..."*
3. We rely only on circumstances. v. 13 *"When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed..."*

"When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong." Ecc 8:11 (NIV)

Things you tend to do when you go through difficult storms:

- Just Drift along.
v. 15 *"so we gave way to it and were driven along".*
- Throw away valuable things.
v. 18 *"...then began to throw the cargo overboard..."*
- Give up hope.
v. 20 *"we finally gave up all hope of being saved."*

"Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight." Acts 27:29 (NIV)

4 Anchoring Questions:

1. What is my ultimate go to?
2. What can I learn?
3. What is my new reality?
4. What promises from God can I stand on?
 - Romans 8:28 (God can use your past for your good and His Glory)
 - Jeremiah 29:11 (God's future for you brings hope)
 - Psalm 46:1 (God's with you right now to give strength and help)