

BURIED TREASURE

Part 1 of Series DIVING DEEPER: Going Beneath The Surface With God And Others

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Fellowship: LOVING AND BEING LOVED AT THE DEEPEST LEVEL

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

"Last night God's angel stood at my side, an angel of this God I serve, saying to me, 'Don't give up, Paul. You're going to stand before Caesar yet—and everyone sailing with you is also going to make it.' So, dear friends, take heart. I believe God will do exactly what he told me. But we're going to shipwreck on some island or other." Acts 27:23-26 (MSG)

INSPECT THE WRECK

- **The Iceberg of Indifference**

"Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along." Acts 27:14-15 (NIV)

- **The Reef of Resentment**

"Watch out that no bitterness take root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives." Hebrews 12:15b (TLB)

- **The Torpedo of Broken Trust**

“If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:6-7 (NIV)

FROM RELATIONSHIP WRECK TO THE DEEPEST TREASURE

1. THE TREASURE OF A NEW PRIORITY

“We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard.” Acts 27:18 (NIV)

“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

2. THE TREASURE OF A TRUE COMMITMENT

“In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, ‘Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.’ So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away.” Acts 27:30-32 (NIV)

“... and he said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What’s more, God in His goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.’” Acts 27:24 (NLT)

3. THE TREASURE OF A REAL PEACE

“For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me....” Acts 27:23 (NLT)

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” John 14:27 (NLT)

· BURIED BENEATH MY CIRCUMSTANCES

· BURIED BENEATH MY QUESTIONS

· BURIED BENEATH MY PAIN

4. THE TREASURE OF A SUPERNATURAL LOVE

“... And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)

“Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!” Micah 7:19 (NLT)