

## WEEK 2: TUESDAY LIVE-STREAM BIBLE STUDY

### "Not One Will Be Lost: God's Faithfulness in Impossible Situations"

**Scripture:** Acts 27:21-26, 33-37, 42-44

#### SCRIPTURE READING & CONTEXT

##### Acts 27:21-25

*"After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: 'Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So, keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.'"*

#### Key Observations:

1. **The promise was specific:** "Not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed."
2. **The timing was crucial:** After 14 days of terror, when all hope was abandoned, God spoke.
3. **The challenge was real:** Paul had to believe God's word over what he could see.

#### MAIN TEACHING: HOLDING ONTO GOD'S PROMISES

##### POINT #1: God's Promises Are Specific and Personal (4 minutes)

###### The Promise to Paul:

God didn't say: "Everything will work out." He said specifically:

- "Not one of you will be lost"
- "Only the ship will be destroyed"
- "You must stand trial before Caesar"
- "God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you"

#### Application:

When God speaks through His Word, He's not vague. His promises are specific:

- Not "I might be with you"—but "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5)
- Not "My grace might be enough"—but "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- Not "I'll try to work things out"—but "I work ALL things together for good" (Romans 8:28)

## **POINT #2: Circumstances Often Contradict God's Promises (5 minutes)**

### **The Reality Paul Faced:**

God said: "Not one will be lost."

But here is what Paul saw:

- Storm still raging (vv. 27-28)
- Ship approaching rocks (v. 29)
- Sailors trying to abandon ship (vv. 30-32)
- Soldiers planning to kill prisoners (v. 42)
- Ship running aground and breaking apart (v. 41)

Often times confuse God's timing with faithfulness, focusing on losses instead of what God preserves, measuring faithfulness by circumstances instead of character

### **Three Reasons We Struggle:**

#### **We confuse God's timing with God's faithfulness**

- o The storm continued for days after the promise
- o Delay doesn't mean denial

#### **We focus on what we're losing instead of what God is preserving**

- o They lost the ship, but not their lives
- o God saves what matters most

#### **We measure God's faithfulness by circumstances instead of His character**

- o Circumstances change; God's character never does
- o Numbers 23:19: "God is not human, that he should lie"

## **POINT #3: Faith Speaks and Acts on God's Promises (6 minutes)**

### **Read Acts 27:25 again:**

*"So, keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me."*

### **Four Ways Paul Held On:**

#### **A. He Remembered WHO Made the Promise**

"The God whose I am and whom I serve" (v. 23)

Paul anchored his faith in God's identity—the God who created the universe, parted the Red Sea, raised Jesus from the dead.

**Application:** When struggling to believe, shift focus from the size of your problem to the size of your God.

#### **B. Paul spoke the Promise out loud**

Romans 10:17 says: "Faith comes from hearing."

Find a promise from His Word. Write it down. Speak it out loud daily.

### **C. He Encouraged Others While Waiting**

Paul encouraged 276 people while in the same storm.

2 Corinthians 1:4: We comfort others "with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

#### **THE PROOF: GOD KEPT HIS WORD**

**Read Acts 27:44**

*"In this way everyone reached land safely."*

##### **The Outcome:**

- The ship broke apart (just as God said)
- Some swam, some floated-on planks
- But all 276 people made it

Not one lost. Exactly as God promised.

**Key Truth:** God's faithfulness doesn't mean the path will be easy. It means He'll be with you every step, and His promises will come true.

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