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**Baptism Orientation** 

March 24 at 9:00am room 110

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**GENERAL MAKING WAVES** 

BUDGET AMT.

**ACTUAL INCOME** 

**NET DIFFERENCE** 

\$ 244,423

49,048

204,527 56,700

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7,652

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## **UNSHAKABLE In The Storm**

Part 6 | 3-17-19 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

Sailing had already become dangerous... so Paul warned them, 'Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to our ship and cargo, and to our own lives.'

Acts 27:9-10, NIV

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# Remaining Strong When Storms Hit Your Life (from Acts 27)

#### I. WHY DO STORMS BLOW INTO OUR LIVES?

#### 1. We listen to the WRONG PEOPLE.

But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, <u>followed the</u> <u>advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship.</u>

Acts 27:11, NIV

#### 2. We decide by the WHIMS OF POPULARITY.

Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.

Acts 27:12, NIV

#### 3. We act based on **WISHFUL THINKING**.

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete.

Acts 27:13, NIV

#### II. HOW STORMS CAN BASH UP OUR LIVES

#### 1. They can cause us to **DRIFT** from what is right.

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

#### 2. They can cause us to DISCARD what is valuable.

We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day <u>they</u> <u>began to throw the cargo overboard</u>. On the third day, <u>they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands</u>.

Acts 27:18-19, NIV

#### 3. They can cause us to **DESPAIR** what is possible.

When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

Acts 27:20. NIV

#### III. REMAINING UNSHAKEABLE IN THE STORMS

#### **Three Steadying Anchors**

#### 1. Anchor your courage in **GOD'S PRESENCE**.

After the men 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.'

Acts 27:21-23. NIV

#### 2. Anchor your circumstances in GOD'S PURPOSES.

And [the angel] said, '<u>Do not be afraid, Paul</u>. <u>You must stand before Caesar</u>; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

Acts 27:24. NIV

#### 3. Anchor your confidence in GOD'S PROMISES.

So keep up your courage, men, for <u>I have faith in God that it will happen</u> just as He told me.

Acts 27:25, NIV

### As you wait, pray for daylight until God answers!

(see Acts 27:29, 39-44)