

When All Hope Seems Lost

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

14 But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. 15 And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. 16 Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. 17 After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. 18 Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. 19 And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. 20 When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

—Acts 27:14-20 (ESV)

21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

—Acts 27:21-22 (ESV)

23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' So take heart, men, for I have faith in God

that it will be exactly as I have been told.

—Acts 27:23-25 (ESV)

1. God is **WITH** Us

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

—Psalms 23:4 (ESV)

2. We **BELONG** to God

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

—Romans 8:15-16 (ESV)

for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

—Hebrews 13:5b (ESV)

*and he said, ‘Do **not** be **afraid**, Paul; you **must** stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be **exactly** as I have been told.*

—Acts 27:24-25 (ESV)

3. God is **UNSTOPPABLE**

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

—Job 42:2 (ESV)

55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (ESV)

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dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

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