

## GOD WITH US— IN THE STORM

*“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'”* Matthew 1:23 NLT

- **NEVER LET THE PRESENCE OF A STORM CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

*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

*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.”* Acts 27:21

*“But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed.”<sup>23</sup> Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me”* Acts 27:22-23

*... everyone deserted me ...<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength ...* 2 Timothy 4:16-17

*I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.* Psalm 16:8 NLT

*“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me”<sup>24</sup> 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.’”* Acts 27:23-24

*“So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”* Acts 27:25

*God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall  
into the ocean depths; <sup>3</sup> even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are  
shaken by the violence. Psalm 46:1-3 GNT*

### **Talk It Over**

What's a major storm you've experienced in your life? How has it changed the way you relate with God?

PT said, "Peace isn't the found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of a good God." What are some ways you try to find false peace? How will you seek God's presence instead?

What did you learn in a storm that God can use to help someone else through their own storm? Who can you reach out to this week?