

A STORMY THANKSGIVING

Acts 27:13-44

Amid life's storms we need to trust God and give thanks

I. REACTIONS TO THE STORM (13-26)

A. BUCK UP! (15-19)

- Note all of the human effort put into fighting the storm

B. GIVE UP! (20)

- Giving in to the fate of the storm

C. LOOK UP! (21-26)

- Paul's faith in the midst of the storm

1. Paul's advice: Listen to me (21)
2. Paul's message: Keep up your courage (22)
3. Paul's appeal: Trust God's promise (23-24)
4. Paul's credibility > I'm a Christ-follower

II. RESPONSES TO THE STORM (27-38)

A. FEAR (27-29)

B. FLEE (30-32)

C. FEAST! (33-38)

1. You should eat food (33-34)
2. I will give thanks (35) > Paul demonstrates gratitude
3. I will not fuss > Paul declines grumbling
4. They all took food (36)

III. REALITY IN THE STORM (39-44)

- Human plans fail but the heavenly plan is fulfilled

A. THE SAILOR'S PLAN: Disastrous (39-41)

B. THE SOLDIER'S PLAN: Denied (42-43a)

C. THE SOVEREIGN PLAN: Dependable (43b-44)

- All were brought safely to land!

CONCLUSION:

A new storm system may begin brewing tomorrow ...

- How will you handle it?

1. Will you give up or look up? (13-26)
2. Will you fearfully flee or thankfully feast? (27-38)
3. Will you depend on human plans or trust in God's promises? (39-44)

Any trial can be transformed into a Thanksgiving storm

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