

Message Study Guide

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**Warming up**

1. Do you have a favorite movie or story where a shipwreck is part of the storyline? What draws you to those stories?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Paul's trip to Rome started in an area known as Caesarea. Please read Acts 27:1-2.
  - a. According to these verses, what role did Paul play on this journey
  - b. Do you think this is what Paul envisioned?
  - c. What was the name of the Roman officer that was over Paul?
3. According to Acts 27:3-4, what was the name of the next city Paul visited?

What else do you see in these verses?

4. According to Acts 27:5-12, what was Paul's third city on his voyage?
  - a. What did Paul and the passengers do in this city?
  - b. What was the name of it?
  - c. What was the weather conditions?
  - d. Have you ever felt like you were being held hostage by someone's bad reasoning?
  - e. According to Acts 27:10-12, what was Paul's proposal?
  - f. What did the rest of the crew want to do?
  - g. Paul is on a boat, and he's not the captain. He had little influence.
  - h. How do handle situations, when you don't have the influence to change the direction of your team?
  - i. What does your character look like?
5. According to Acts 27:13, what did the crew decide to do?
  - a. We can make the same mistake. Have you ever made a decision in life to go forward...even though you knew there was a storm?

- b. According to Acts 27:14, what unexpected thing happened?
6. Read Acts 27:15-17.
  - a. What did the sailors do?
  - b. What happened the next day in Acts 27:18-26?
  - c. According to verse 20, what was gone?
  - d. What did Paul do?
  - e. What did God provide in verse 26?
7. Please read Acts 27:27-30.
  - a. How many nights were they in the storm?
  - b. Please continue reading Acts 27:31-38.
  - c. What did Paul tell the sailors to do?
8. Read Acts 27:39-44.
  - a. What happened?
  - b. According to Acts 28:1, what was the name of this island?
  - c. What is God telling you in this chapter?

**Application**

Below are some  
of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Surrendering to God's will means you surrender to His way as well.
- God can use the same storm in your life that brought the problem to bring the purpose.
- You may not have the influence to change the direction of your boat. But, you can wholeheartedly support those in leadership and gain trust. How you respond when things don't go your way says a lot to others about what's inside of you. Influence is earned.