

PAUL SAILS FOR ROME – PART 2

THE STORM ACTS 27:12-26

Paul encouraged the crew with two promises of God:

- 1.** That he, Paul, whom they were with, had been guaranteed safe arrival in Rome.
- 2.** That all with him would be protected from harm.

One truth stands clear: Life may get messy, complicated, or even frightening, but God's plans—His will—cannot be thwarted!



Paul spends two years preaching the Gospel as he awaits for his appeal to Caesar

Ship lost in storm

Ship smashes into reef - All aboard swim to shore

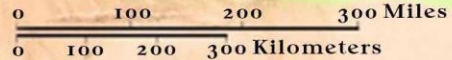
Change to a larger grain ship

Paul sent to Rome to appeal to Caesar

PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

- City
- ← Paul's Route

Acts: 27 and 28



ONE HORRIBLE STORM

- They seek to sail on the lee side of Cauda.
- The essential *lifeboat used to tack* they had to hoist aboard and was nearly lost.
- An emergency measure was taken “*banding*” the ship with ropes.
- Crew members began to jettison the *cargo*—the grain—to make the ship lighter.

Such actions show the crew's desperation.

BUT GOD!

- God sends a divine messenger to the rocking, leaking, creaking ship to soothe the troubled minds and hearts on board.
- For us, encouragement may come in other, less dramatic, but equally meaningful ways: a phone call from a friend, a Bible verse, a needed hug, a note of encouragement.

**CHEER UP, WE ARE GOING TO BE SHIPWRECKED . . .
BUT NOT DROWNED!**

HOW ABOUT YOUR STORMS?

Lessons from another storm **MARK 4:35-41**

I. LET'S FACE IT, THE STORMS WILL COME!

- Never give up.
- Stay focused.
- Remember Jesus.

II. THE STORMS WILL GO. THEY WON'T LAST FOREVER.

III. BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY STORM JESUS ALWAYS REMAINS FAITHFUL, STEADFAST, AND SURE!