

## **Help In Our Storms** **Acts 27:14-29**

Paul is on his way to Rome to appeal his case to Caesar. A violent storm hits them; they could do nothing against it except let themselves be driven along - vs 15; As storm worsens, they grasp at ways to deal with it. Vs 17-19,38; Hope fades, desperation sets in - vs 20,29

Discouragement is a very powerful tool against us

Three things allowed Paul to keep his courage and "weather the storm."

### **God Is With Us - Acts 27:23**

God was "with" some by angels - Hebrews 1:14

He's with us through His children - Colossians 4:7-13; Philippians 2:19-20

He's with us always thru His Son (Emmanuel – God with us) - John 14:23; Matthew 28:20

Jesus came to help us understand his desire to be near to us - Hebrews 2:16-18

As life gets stormy & everything seems to fall apart, Jesus stands with you! - 2Timothy 4:17

### **God Has Promised - Acts 27:24**

He gave us His Son to confirm His promises - Romans 15:8; 2Corinthians 1:19-20

We must cling to His promises if we're to overcome the storms, difficulties, adversities we're sure to face in life - Hebrews 6:11-12; 2Peter 1:3-4

### **I Believe God - Acts 27:25**

Faith is only as strong as the One in whom it's placed - 2Timothy 1:12

We need courage, when our faith is tested and our confidence is shaken.

Hope that deliverance is coming when circumstances seem otherwise - 2Corinthians 1:9-11; Job 13:15

We must know that when we ourselves fail, the Lord can "prop us up" and help us to stand in spite of our own weaknesses - Jude 24-25

Confidence that one day, our steadfastness will reap for us eternal benefits - 1John 2:28

We Can Overcome With Faith Intact, And Even Stronger

We can have hope and confidence if we let His power work within us.

We must show the world that our God is a stronger influence than ANY discouragement the world can dish out

### **Move Forward - Exodus 14:15**

We can't just stop and wait for things to get better, we have to move on!

Paul's instruction to those on the ship - Acts 27:33-34; Philippians 2:12-13

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