

3. Why do _____ in people's lives?

1. You can't negate the _____ of the _____
_____ in the lives of all of us.
2. We know that _____ to the child of God that
does not _____ the _____ of God.

"It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn Your decrees." Psalm 119:71 (NIV)

3. The person themselves needs to _____ the _____.
4. _____!

HOW TO ENJOY A SHIPWRECK

The Acts of the Apostles - Part 55

Acts 27

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"But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, 'Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.'"

Acts 23:11 (NASB)

"And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan cohort named Julius. And embarking in an Adramyttian ship, which was about to sail to the regions along the coast of Asia, we put out to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica. And the next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul with consideration and allowed him to go to his friends and receive care."

Acts 27:1-3 (NASB)

1. Two interesting things to notice about this chapter in general.

1. Notice the "____" and "____" statements.

"And from there we put out to sea and sailed under the shelter of Cyprus because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed through the sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia." Acts 27:4-5 (NASB)

"And all of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six persons." Acts 27:37 (NASB)

2. Notice the kind of _____ that they had.

"And when we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, since the wind did not permit us to go farther, we sailed under the shelter of Crete, off Salmone; and with difficulty sailing past it we came to a certain place

called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.”
Acts 27:7-8 (NASB)

“...and said to them, ‘Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be attended with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.’” Acts. 27:10 (NASB)

“But before very long there rushed down from the land a violent wind, called Eurasquilo; and when the ship was caught in it, and could not face the wind, we gave way to it, and let ourselves be driven along.” Acts 27:14-15 (NASB)

“And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.” Acts 27:20 (NASB)

2. Some _____ that Paul give them.

1. _____ is _____!

“And yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.’ Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.”
Acts 27:22-25 (NASB)

“‘But we must run aground on a certain island.’ But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors began to surmise that they were approaching some land.” Acts 27:26-27 (NASB)

“And they took soundings; and found it to be twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found it to be fifteen fathoms. And fearing that we might run aground somewhere on the rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and wished for daybreak. And as the sailors were trying to es-

cape from the ship, and had let down the ship’s boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, ‘Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved.’”

Acts 27:28-31 (NASB)

2. He gave them _____.

“And until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, ‘Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing. Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation; for not a hair from the head of any of you shall perish.’ And having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he broke it and began to eat. And all of them were encouraged, and they themselves also took food.” Acts 27:33-36 (NASB)

3. They took God at _____.

“And when day came, they could not recognize the land; but they did observe a certain bay with a beach, and they resolved to drive the ship onto it if they could. And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach. But striking a reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves. And the soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, that none of them should swim away and escape; but the centurion, wanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest should follow, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And thus it happened that they all were brought safely to land.” Acts 27:39-44 (NASB)