

The Believer & Life's Storms

Acts 27:13-44

September 18, 2022

I. Storms in Life Give Us a Sense of Despair (v. 13)

- A. The suddenness of storms often come from deception
 - 1. Faulty theology promotes despair
 - 2. Faulty advice (Acts 27:11)
 - 3. Faulty security (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- B. The storms we experience often give us a sense of looming disaster (v. 14-17)
 - 1. We may battle the feeling that life is out of control
 - 2. We may battle the feeling of being overwhelmed by life
- C. The storms we experience may lead to sense of desperation (v. 20)
 - 1. Our desperation can cause a sense of hopelessness
 - 2. Our desperation hopefully will cause us to look to heaven

II. Storms Will Drive Us to a Time of Decision

- A. A couple basic decisions must be made during the storm
 - 1. We must prepare ourselves (17a)
 - 2. We must purge ourselves of what does not belong (v. 18-19)
- B. We must be cautious of making wrong decisions
 - 1. We must resist the decision to lose hope in God (v. 20b)
 - 2. We must resist the decision to live outside of God's will
 - 3. We must resist those that are negative

III. Storms are Often Revealed as Times of Deliverance

- A. We Must Anchor Ourselves to God (v. 29)
 - 1. Anchor ourselves in the knowledge of God's presence (v. 23; Matt. 28:20)
 - 2. Anchor ourselves in the reality of God's promises (v. 24-25)
 - He promises better days (Psalm 30:5)
 - He promises deliverance to His own (Psalm 34:19)
 - He promises everything in life is for our good (Romans 8:28)
 - He promises His divine grace (II Cor. 12:9)
 - 3. Anchor ourselves in God's providence (v. 24)
 - 4. Anchor ourselves in the surety of God's performance (v. 44)
- B. Our deliverance will come through accepting and waiting (v. 33-44)
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