

DEALING WITH YOUR MOST COMMON STRUGGLES

Confidence In A Crisis

Acts 27:9 We had lost a lot of time. The weather was becoming dangerous for sea travel because it was so late in the fall, and Paul spoke to the ship's officers about it.

10 "Men," he said, "I believe there is trouble ahead if we go on—shipwreck, loss of cargo, and danger to our lives as well."

11 But the officer in charge of the prisoners listened more to the ship's captain and the owner than to Paul.

12 And since Fair Havens was an exposed harbor—a poor place to spend the winter—most of the crew wanted to go on to Phoenix, farther up the coast of Crete, and spend the winter there. Phoenix was a good harbor with only a southwest and northwest exposure.

13 When a light wind began blowing from the south, the sailors thought they could make it. So they pulled up anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.

Reasons For A Crisis

Wrong Guidance From Those In _____

Wrong Guidance From Most Of The _____

Wrong Guidance from _____

What Not To Do In A Crisis

Don't _____

Acts 27:15 The sailors couldn't turn the ship into the wind, so they gave up and let it run before the gale.

Don't _____

Acts 27:18 The next day, as gale-force winds continued to batter the ship, the crew began throwing the cargo overboard.

19 The following day they even took some of the ship's gear and threw it overboard.

Don't _____

Acts 27:20 The terrible storm raged for many days, blotting out the sun and the stars, until at last all hope was gone.

Paul's Reaction To The Crisis

Acts 27:28 They dropped a weighted line and found that the water was 120 feet deep. But a little later they measured again and found it was only 90 feet deep.

29 At this rate they were afraid we would soon be driven against the rocks along the shore, so they threw out four anchors from the back of the ship and prayed for daylight.

30 Then the sailors tried to abandon the ship; they lowered the lifeboat as though they were going to put out anchors from the front of the ship.

31 But Paul said to the commanding officer and the soldiers, "You will all die unless the sailors stay aboard."

Anchors For The Soul

God's _____

Acts 27:22 But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down.

23 For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me,

24 and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.'

25 So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.

26 But we will be shipwrecked on an island."

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