

Staying Calm During the Storm Acts 27

When things begin to look bad, Paul warns everyone. 1-12

- ◆ Luke (“we”) and Aristarchus (Col. 4:10) accompany Paul to Rome.
- ◆ Difficulties with the wind badly slow down this typical five-week trip.
- ◆ Paul warns them to stay put in view of the wind; recall II Cor. 11:25,26.

When all seems hopeless, Paul encourages everyone. 13-26

- ◆ This stormy situation was thrust upon Paul, as with us at times, right?
- ◆ Though the crew gives up all hope (27:20), what about Paul? Recall 19:11, 23:11, 27:23. Though we can’t expect an angel to come and encourage us with promises, see Isa. 41:10, Ps. 46:1, I Pt. 5:7.
- ◆ Note how knowing God’s sovereign plan makes Paul more active! Do we ever shirk our responsibilities in view of God’s sovereignty?
- ◆ Why does Paul give the crew a told-you-so? Consider his later instructions to the Centurion and crew.

When land is finally near, God uses Paul to deliver everyone. 27-44

- ◆ Apparently some of the faithless crew and soldiers later distrust Paul. Why the desire to kill Paul and the prisoners? Recall 12:19, 16:27.
- ◆ Paul’s heroic efforts move the Centurion to save Paul/all prisoners.



Why might Luke spend so much time detailing this very trouble-plagued sea voyage of Paul’s to stand before Caesar?