

## RIDING THROUGH THE STORM

Text: Acts 27:1-28:6

- From the example of Paul, a six-point spiritual action plan for what to do when you find yourself riding through the storm:
- I. EXERCISE YOUR SANCTIFIED COMMON \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-12).**
- Paul exercised Spirit-filled \_\_\_\_\_ to recognize they were headed into serious danger.
  - Applications:
    - Be aware of \_\_\_\_\_ opposition in storms.
    - Some storms can be \_\_\_\_\_ if we will listen to the Holy Spirit.
      - 4 ways to get yourself into an unnecessary storm (Wiersbe):
        - \_\_\_\_\_,
        - Accepting expert advice \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will,
        - Following the \_\_\_\_\_,
        - Trusting "ideal" \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A good leader doesn't take unwise or unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_.
    - When you see a storm on horizon, try to find a safe \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR COMPANIONS (vs. 13-24).**
- Vs. 21, Paul had been \_\_\_\_\_ and praying for a long time.
    - Not so much for himself but for the other \_\_\_\_\_ people on board.
  - Vs. 24, Paul asked, and God " \_\_\_\_\_ " them to him.
  - Application: While riding through a big storm, we should engage in fervent intercessory \_\_\_\_\_ for those going through the same or similar trials.
- III. BELIEVE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 25-26).**
- In response to God's message (vs. 25-26), Paul was cheerful and \_\_\_\_\_ God. He stood on the solid ground of:
    - His \_\_\_\_\_ in God,
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God,
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Application 1: If you are saved, you also have a position in God, your \_\_\_\_\_ are controlled by the Providence of God, and you have many promises of God in His Word, so just keep saying like Paul, "I believe God!"
  - Application 2: Who are you going to believe about \_\_\_\_\_?

## IV. \_\_\_\_\_ THE WEARY (vs. 25, 33-36).

- On two occasions, Paul comforted his companions on the boat.
- Application: When riding through the storm, look for those who are \_\_\_\_\_ of heart or body and lift them up in 4 ways:
  - Use sanctified common sense to encourage people to take \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves.
  - Let others hear you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Let God \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ your companions with the comfort you received from God (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

## V. WAIT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR GOD'S DELIVERANCE (vs. 27-32).

- The sailors tried to leave the boat early because they didn't \_\_\_\_\_ God like Paul did.
- Application: In storms, we may be tempted to take things into our own hands, but the best thing to do is to keep riding through and \_\_\_\_\_ for God's better deliverance in His perfect time.

## VI. KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ AND SERVING WHEN TROUBLES MULTIPLY (vs. 37-28:6).

- After two weeks, Paul's ship was blown 600 miles to island of Malta where he made it safely to shore, only to be bitten by a \_\_\_\_\_ snake!
- But this new attack didn't even phase Paul because he was believing God.
- Application 1: \_\_\_\_\_ off your troubles and keep on serving the Lord!
- Application 2: Sometimes trials aren't well-spaced in our lives or scheduled according to our wishes, but we can overcome them all by \_\_\_\_\_ God.

## CONCLUSION

- Question 1: Are you \_\_\_\_\_ this spiritual action plan for the storms in your life?
- Question 2: Most importantly, are you saying, "I \_\_\_\_\_ God"?