

Acts 27- How We Handle Storms

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Consider this: What are the benefits of being in a storm? How valuable is it to know what we are trusting? Often times we aren't even aware of how much we trust the arm of the flesh until a test comes.

Acts 27:9-12 You will have to let go of some things- even the word of the "experts"

Acts 27:18-32- While on the path of righteousness (faith in His word) further instructions come!

The Word of the Lord is our anchor- it goes down to the bottom of reality and can change the outcome of our surroundings. Acting in accordance with the word changes everything else.

They could not see the sky, therefore had no sense of direction. They could not get the ship to stay still, even after dropping four anchors.

When they cut the anchors and trusted in the word of the Lord everyone around that believer was saved.

What happens when we are not in obedience?

Jonah 1:4-16- Being on the path of disobedience puts others in danger as well. Instead of staying in the boat as all hindrances to trusting God were cast into the sea, it is Jonah who is the hindrance and must be tossed out.

It was honorable for Jonah to see what he was causing and remove himself! For it caused the men to glorify God and make vows to the Lord!

Our main objective- to See the will of God come into the earth VIA OUR FAITH! Therefore, some problems are God-ordained. Some are self-caused, yet still, when obedience comes become useful to the Lord!

Disobedience is the children of God's problem and only applies to the children of God- judgment of the church and not the world. But the world does bare witness to our Father in His fatherhood!

The father chastises those whom He loves- Hebrews 12:6, Proverbs 3:12

Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus in the boat calmly calms the storm. Cry out and find Him and He may calm the storm. Or it may continue until you get rid of some things! **What things has God asked you to get rid of? Trust in the Arm of the flesh, pride, lust, greed, jealousy, unforgiveness, gluttony, etc**

Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus overcomes the storm, not by doing away with it but being over it, and calls us to ask to overcome as well.

So What: The life in God is the Word of God, empowered by the spirit, to overcome the will of the flesh and the world. Am I working an active word from God? If not, challenge you to seek it! Find it!