

Certainty in Adversity – The Shipwreck

(Acts 27:1-44)

I. Dark Desperation

II. Divine Deliverance

III. Courageous Confidence

1. Paul belonged to God

2. Paul heard from God

- Encouraged to be an Encouragement

3. Paul believed God

Acts 23:11 (ESV) ¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."

"God will fulfill his promises, but that doesn't negate the importance of human actions as the means God uses to carry out his promises" - ESV Study Bible, The: English Standard Version.

Job 38:8-11 (ESV) "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

Romans 8:38-39 (ESV) ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 12:38-40 (NIV) ³⁸ Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you." ³⁹ He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:31-32 (ESV) ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Lamentations 3:21-26 (ESV) ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV) ¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 32:7-8 (ESV) ⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah* ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Mark 9:21-24 (ESV) ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Ephesians 3:20 (ESV) ²⁰ [God] is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

John 16:33 (ESV) ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."