

“Paul and the Tempest”

Acts 27:9-12

Introduction

- I. Near the end of the book of Acts, it is recorded that Paul and others had some difficult traveling.
- II. How Paul reacted helps us to see how we can handle difficult situations.

Discussion

- I. Paul did not only look out for himself, but rather warned others (Acts 27:9-12).
 - A. There are times that we must warn others (Acts 20:31; 1 Cor. 4:14; 1 Thess. 5:14; cf. Ezek. 33:7-9).
 - B. Sometimes, the warnings fall on “deaf ears” (Matt. 11:15).
- II. Paul did not become overcome with fear, but rather gave others hope (Acts 27:21-26).
 - A. Others need us to encourage and give hope (Rom. 15:13; 1 Thess. 5:9-11; 2 Tim. 1:7; cf. Isa. 40:31)
 - B. Without hope, there is only dread (Rom 8:24-24; cf. Phil. 4:13).
- III. Paul did not seek his own nourishment, but rather cared for others (Acts 27:33-38).
 - A. We are not the only ones that need to be nourished (Matt. 25:35-45).
 - B. Spiritual nourishment is far more important than physical (1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14; cf. 1 Tim. 4:8).

Conclusion

- I. Difficulties will come in our lives.
- II. How we react to them will be very important in the long run.