

The Good News About Bad Storms

Acts 27

SHIPWRECKED

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WHY WE EXPERIENCE STORMS

Acts 27:1-14

Sometimes they come from:

1. **Sin**
2. **Our mistakes**
3. **Life happening**
4. **Bad advice**
5. **Being impatient**
6. **God's will**

WHAT WE CAN LOSE IN THE STORM

Acts 27:15-20

WHAT WE CAN GAIN IN THE STORM

Acts 27:21-38

THE BOTTOM LINE

Do I **believe God** or do I **believe in God**?

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Food for Thought

For the week of January 4, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we looked at not only how to survive, but also maintain hope and purpose in the midst of storms we may encounter in 2009. We heard one way to do this is checking to see if we're staying on course, not drifting from the goals and values God has called us to. In order to stay on course, what core values do the following scriptures suggest?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 9:10

Philippians 2:2-3

Colossians 3:13-14

Hebrews 10:24-25

Looking back at what you wrote above, are there any you need to add or re-focus on in 2009?

2. One of the reasons we drift from what God has called us to is that we lose sight of what's valuable. What does Jesus tell us is most valuable in Matthew 6:19-34? Of the distractions Jesus mentions in this passage, which one(s) are most likely to trip you up along the way?

3. Even though we may have hope in the midst of the storm, the emotional battle of despair can be a challenge. Paul repeatedly encountered this kind of dilemma. What does Paul suggest in Philippians 4:5-6 to help battle hopelessness?

Part of Paul's advice is giving thanks. Looking back on 2008, make a list of what you can thank God for. Take some time to give thanks to Him.

4. What would you hope people say about your spiritual character and impact in 2009? Looking back at this week's sermon and study, what do you need to focus on to be able to thrive in the midst of any storms you may encounter?