

Sovereign in the Storm-Part
1 Text: Acts 27:1-26
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Big Idea: Jesus is sovereign in the storm, so trust Him and take heart.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2

- a) What does it mean that Jesus is sovereign in the storm?
- b) Why is it essential to not only believe that Jesus is sovereign, but He is also loving and will only work for the greatest good of His people in each situation?

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Point 1: His PROVISION...It's Coming! (vv. 1-8)

Question: God will provide exactly what is needed. Will you trust Him for it and serve Him?

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 1-8:** What made sea travel at this time so treacherous?
- b) Discuss as a group the quiet, sovereign hand of the Lord on this first leg of the journey.
- c) When the storm/trial comes, do you struggle to trust in the Lord's provision for you? Why or why not? What fruits come forth in your life as a result of that?

Question #4

- a) Even though He was a prisoner, how did Paul use the few days that he was given in Sidon?
- b) How does this show he was living with a kingdom mindset despite his circumstances?
- c) Why would it have been easy for Paul to excuse not seeking first God's kingdom at this time?
- d) What would Paul have missed if he wasn't seeking first God's kingdom in this moment?
- e) When facing a storm/trial, is your tendency to isolate from God's people or initiate with them? What does your response say about who your really trusting in and whose kingdom you are really seeking?

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Point 2: His PURPOSE...It's Glorious! (vv. 9-20)

Question: God has a greater purpose for the storm. Is He your goal or is something else?

Question #5

- a) Discuss as a group what is happening in this section of the narrative.
- b) **Rd v. 20:** What was Jesus, in His sovereignty, doing through the storm in the lives of the sailors?
- c) Why is God's sovereign and loving breaking of us, His blessing/glorious purpose towards us?
- d) How has God broken you in the past, that you now see was His blessing towards you? How did He use that to deepen your hope in Him and transform you to be more like Jesus?

Question #6

- a) Why can't you have your hope in Jesus and in yourself (or anything else) at the same time?
- b) What are fruits that are seen in your life as you try to save yourself (Hint: See sailor's response)?
- c) What would it look like for you to "abandon all hope of saving yourself" when the storm comes?
- d) What has your hope that is not Jesus (Especially in the storm)? Spend time in repentance of that.

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Point 3: His POWER...It's Enough! (vv. 21-26)

Question: Jesus will do all He says He will. Will you take heart or doubt Him?

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 21-24:** What does the angel coming to Paul on the boat show us about God's care for us when we are going through the storm (and every other moment!)?
- b) With his faith anchored in the Lord, discuss Paul's response in the storm to the sailors. What is different about his response as opposed to theirs?
- c) Whose response is the closest picture to your response when the storm/trial comes? As a follower of Jesus, why should our response increasingly reflect that of Paul?

Question #8

Take Heart in Jesus'...

- a) Presence with You: What does it mean that God's presence is with us in the storm? How should this give us courage to take heart?
- b) Purchase of You: What does it mean that Jesus purchased you by His blood? How should this give you courage to take heart in the storm?
- c) Purpose for You: How should knowing the storm is your God-ordained mission field, give you courage to take heart in the storm and serve Him and not yourself?
- d) Promises to You: How should knowing God will fulfill every promise to you in the storm, "exactly as He has said" give you courage to take heart in the storm?
- e) Which of these areas (can be more than one), do you struggle with unbelief in the most in the trial? Why that one?
- f) Spend time repenting of your unbelief in Christ's work for you in the gospel; and ask specifically for faith and obedience in that area by Christ's power in you!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 27:1-26**...

- a) ADORATION: Jesus, You are sovereign over _____ .
- b) CONFESSION: Jesus, I confess my unbelief in Your_____ when I'm in the storm.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Jesus, I thank you that in Your sovereignty, You_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Jesus, help me to trust in Your_____ when the storm comes.

Memory Verse:

"So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told."-Acts 27:25