

Sovereign in the Storm-Part 1

Text: Acts 27:1-26

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Big Idea:

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?

Jesus is sovereign over the storm, so trust in...

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

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

Sermon Notes...

Question #3

- 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) What would Paul have missed if he wasn't seeking first God's kingdom in this moment?
- d) When facing a storm/trial, is your tendency to isolate from God's people or initiate with them? Why?

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

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

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- a) Why is God's sovereign and loving breaking of us, His blessing/glorious purpose towards us?
- b) 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?

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

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

Sermon Notes...

Take Heart in Jesus'...

i) _____ with you (v. 23)

ii) _____ of you (v. 23)

iii) _____ for you (v. 23)

iv) _____ to you (vv. 24-26)

Question #5

Take Heart in Jesus'...

- a) Presence with You (v. 23): 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 (v. 23): 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 (v. 23): 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 (vv. 24-26): 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