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Bible Study

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Surviving Storms with Minimal Damage

Acts 27:13-20

Acts 20:22, 23 read, "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23) I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me." (NIV) These verses reveal the danger one New Testament leader would put himself in by being obedient to his ministry assignment. All believers should learn to thank God not only for what has happened in their lives but also to glorify Him for what did not take place. Without a doubt, many Christians can testify how they came out of terrible times and situations with very little negative impact. This lesson is designed to share valuable insight on surviving storms with minimal damage.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 27

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| 1. The <u>Travel</u> | by the People | Verses 1-12 |
| 2. The <u>Trouble</u> | for the People | Verse 13-43 |
| 3. The <u>Triumph</u> | of the People | Verses 43, 44 |

1. Surviving storms with minimal damage requires Friendship .
Verse 3
"The next day we came to Sidon. Julius was very good to Paul and gave him freedom to go visit his friends, who took care of his needs." (NCV)
2. Surviving storms with minimal damage requires Leadership .
Verses 30-32
"Some of the sailors wanted to leave the ship, and they lowered the lifeboat, pretending they were throwing more anchors from the front of the ship. 31) But Paul told the officer and the other soldiers, "If these men do not stay in the ship, your lives cannot be saved." 32) So the soldiers cut the ropes and let the lifeboat fall into the water." (NCV)
3. Surviving storms with minimal damage requires Partnership .
Verses 39-41
"When daylight came, the sailors saw land. They did not know what land it was, but they saw a bay with a beach and wanted to sail the ship to the beach if they could. 40) So they cut the ropes to the anchors and left the anchors in the sea. At the same time, they untied the ropes that were holding the rudders. Then they raised the front sail into the wind and sailed toward the beach. 41) But the ship hit a sandbank. The front

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