

# ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## Lesson #26 -Journey Through the Storm

### Scripture Reading: Acts 27:9-12

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#### Introduction:

1. Give a summary of 27:1-8
2. We learn from the example of Paul's journey through the storm.
3. In this lesson we will see that Paul gave several things to the others on board the ship.

#### **I. HE GAVE A WARNING -27:9-12**

##### A. HIS EXAMPLE

1. Paul warned that they should remain at Fair Havens -27:10
2. His warning was ignored
  - a. The centurion would not take the advice of a prisoner over the owner and the helmsman
  - b. The majority advised to set sail -27:12

##### B. APPLICATION FOR TODAY

1. We too must give warning to those in spiritual danger
2. It is blessed when the warning is heeded by sincere individuals seeking the truth
3. Sometimes the warning is ignored
  - a. Pride can get in the way (i.e. man thinks he knows best)
  - b. The majority moves often in the wrong direction -Mt 7:13, 14

#### **II. HE GAVE HOPE -27:21-26**

##### A. HIS EXAMPLE

1. Give a brief summary of verses 13-20
2. His words of hope
  - a. He stated they should have listened to him in the first place
  - b. There would be no loss of life, but rather the ship would be destroyed
  - c. The assurance came from an angel of God
  - d. Paul was assured he would stand before Caesar -27:24; 23:11
  - e. The ship however, would run aground -vs. 26

##### B. APPLICATION FOR TODAY

1. We give the world hope that is only found in the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. When one is obedient to the gospel, they have a hope that goes beyond the grave.

#### **III. HE GAVE ENCOURAGEMENT -27:33-38**

##### A. HIS EXAMPLE

1. He encouraged them to eat after fourteen days without nourishment
2. The assurance they would live:
  - a. When death is hanging overhead, food isn't a priority
  - b. Eating gave them not only physical strength, but mental and spiritual hope also.

## B. APPLICATION FOR TODAY

1. Our spiritual nourishment today
  - a. Bible reading -1Pe 2:2; He 5:12-14
  - b. Prayer -1Th 5:17; Ph 4:6, 7
  - c. Fellowship -Ac 2:42
2. Encouragement from fellowship
  - a. We are bombarded by the evil and pressures of this world.
  - b. When we come together we give and receive encouragement from one another

### Conclusion:

1. God keeps His promises -i.e. they all survived the storm at sea.
2. He still keeps promises today!
  - a. Through Jesus Christ we have salvation for our souls -Ep 1:7
  - b. Through Jesus we can be confident both in life and in death -Ph 1:21; 2Ti 4:6-8