

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Staying Calm in the Storm

**Text: Acts 27:1-28:10**

### Prayer

**Icebreaker:** Can you share how God took you through a severe trial and used it for His glory so that you could be a testimony through all that you endured?

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1. How do James and Peter exhort us to face our trials?

James 1:2-4, 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 1:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What circle of people became Paul's mission field during his 6 month journey to Rome? Acts 27:1, 37; 28:1-2

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3. Who were the fellow believers that came along to support and encourage Paul? Acts 27:2; 19:29; 20:4-5; Colossians 4:10

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4. What has it meant to you to have Christian friends supporting and helping you during a time of severe trial? Does this show us the importance of being part of a church family before trials come?

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5. What kindness did Julius show Paul while in port at Sidon? Acts 27:3

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6. What common reoccurring theme do we find throughout this chapter that begins in verse 4, and then becomes worse throughout the journey?

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7. What change in Paul's circumstances took place at Myra? Acts 27:5-6

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8. What warning did Paul give the centurion and the ship crew after waiting for a break in the weather at Fair Havens for many days? Acts 27:7-10

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9. Why didn't the Centurion, the ship captain and ship owner listen to Paul's counsel? Acts 27:11-13

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10. What does Luke call the storm system that hit them after leaving port? Acts 27:14

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11. What advantage did they take from the windward side of the island of Clauda? Acts 27:15-17a

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12. What did they do avoid being swept southwest toward the quicksand beaches of North Africa? Acts 27:17b

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13. What would be their reasons to lighten the ship, throwing all unnecessary cargo and tackle overboard? Acts 27:18-19

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14. What happened to the morale of the ship's unbelieving passengers after two weeks in this terrible storm? Acts 27:20

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15. What was Paul's attitude & demeanor through the storm? Acts 27:21-26

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16. What lesson can we learn from this about a believer's blessing and influence on those around us?

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17. When they sensed that land was near what did they do to keep from being swept ashore in the darkness? Acts 27:27-29

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18. How did the sailors try to escape and what prevented them from their attempt? Acts 27:30-32

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19. What further encouragement did Paul give them in verses 33-37?  
Matthew 10:29-31

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20. Why wouldn't they try to spare the wheat since they were so close to shore? Acts 27:38

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21. How did everyone make it to shore the following morning? Acts 27:39-44

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The following two websites report that the 4 anchors of this ship have been found:

<http://chalcedon.edu/research/articles/anchors-from-apostle-pauls-shipwreck-presumed-found/>

<http://www.bobcornuke.com/content/pauls-shipwreck>

### **Think About It This Week:**

Read Acts 28:1-10

How many of Paul's shipmates do you think he may have brought to faith in the Savior? See Acts 27:24

What influence did Paul have on the people from the Island of Malta during their three month stay?