

Shipwrecked

A Bible Study on Suffering as a Result of Other's Actions

This Bible study was created to accompany the post, Shipwrecked. At one time or another we all have suffered because of another's bad choice or behavior. Acts 27 gives a great example of God's sovereignty and goodness even in those times.

Day 1 Read Acts 27:1-12

In the opening of this chapter, Paul has stood trial against allegations of the Jewish leaders. He has appealed to Caesar and is now headed on a nautical journey to Rome.

1. Locate the important cities that Luke mentions.
2. Who was Julius?
3. If you were the ship's pilot, how would you have reacted to Paul's warning to the 50 mile trip they wanted to make?

Day 2 Read Acts 27:13-26

1. What in these verses reveals how severe this storm was?
2. What does the angel promise?
3. To whom does Paul say he belongs? To whom do you belong?
4. Read Acts 23:11. God had already told Paul he was going to Rome. Has God ever had to speak a promise to you more than once? If so, when?



Day 3 Read Acts 27:27-44

1. What does Paul thank God for?
2. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul says "Give thanks in all circumstances." Gratitude is an important antidote to bitterness and despair in life's shipwrecks. Matthew Henry modeled this when he said this about a time he was robbed. "Let me be thankful—first, because I was never robbed before; second, although he took my wallet, he did not take my life; third, because, though he took my all, it was not much; and fourth, let me be thankful because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed." Is there anything you can give thanks for in your 'shipwrecks'?
3. Verse 36 says all the men were encouraged. How do you influence people when you are 'shipwrecked'?

Day 4 Read Acts 28:1-7

1. What happened on the Island of Malta that probably would not have happened if Paul had not been shipwrecked?
2. How has God used a disaster in your life for good?

Day 5 Read Romans 8:28; Psalm 138:8 ESV; 1 John 4:4; Proverbs 19:21; Ephesians 1:11-12 ESV; Proverbs 16:9; Lamentations 3:37; Isaiah 46:9-10

1. Which of these promises encourages you the most? Why not commit it to memory!