

How to Be Steady in a Storm

Acts 27:1-44

Three Biblical Storms

1. Paul's Storm (Acts 27:9-11, 21-26)
2. Jonah's Storm (Jonah 1:1-16, 2:1-10)
3. Jesus and the Disciples (Mark 4:35-41)

I. Why is there So Much Suffering in Our World Today?

1. We Live in a Sin-Plagued, Broken World
2. We Break God's Moral Law
3. Satan Attacks Us
4. God Disciplines His Children
5. We Suffer Because of Others' Poor Choices
6. God Punishes Lost People
7. God Calls Some to Suffer for Others

II. 4 Keys to Remember When Facing a Storm

1. Don't **ASSUME** You Know The Reason for the Storm (Deuteronomy 29:29; Luke 13:1-5)
2. **AVOID** the Storm if Possible (Proverbs 22:3; John 7:1)
3. **ASK** God to Bring You Through to Your Destination (Psalm 118:8-9; Isaiah 41:10, 13; Isaiah 43:1-3)
4. **ASSIST** Those Going Through the Storm (2 Cor. 7:5-6; 2 Tim. 1:16-18; Acts 14:19-20; Rom. 12:15)

III. 3 Ways to be Steady in the Storm

1. Let the **PRESENCE** of God Surround You (Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 41:10, 13; Isaiah 43:1-3)
2. Let the **PURPOSE** of God Secure You (Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28)
3. Let the **PROMISES** of God Strengthen You (2 Corinthians 1:20; Isaiah 55:11)

D. Martyn Lloyd Jones – "Faith is a refusal to panic."

Vance Havner - "God marks across some of our days, 'Will Explain Later'"

Norman Geisler – "The Solution to Suffering is a Submission to Sovereignty."