

"5 Ways to Sink Your Ship"

Acts 27:20-25

If you know anything about the book of Acts, you know it's a narrative - it tells how the early church began and how through the power of prayer and.....

There are _____ passengers on this ship, of whom most were Paul.

The Holy Spirit takes this story in Acts 27 and He makes an illustration with a great Spiritual application for all of us. Life is like a voyage,

sometimes the sea is calm, the wind blows but then suddenly a storm comes...

It's interesting when the ship in Acts 27 started its journey to Rome, Paul was a prisoner, but before long he ship! Paul was different than most of us for while we see _____ in every _____, Paul would see opportunities in every difficulty.

For example: in Acts 16..... in Acts 26.....

Someone has well said "Life is full of storms", either we're in a storm or.....

The Bible teaches there are 4 basic kinds of storms in life:

1. _____ storms. Job 14:1
2. _____ storms. Example Jonah.....
3. _____ storms. These are the storms that the Lord allows to come into our lives to _____ us, to _____ us, to _____ us, to make us more like Jesus. Remember in Matthew 8 Jesus commanded His disciples to get into their boats..... Sometimes we find ourselves in storms not because we're _____ of the will of God but because we're _____ the will of God. Like the disciples in Matthew 8.
4. _____ by others. Sometimes we are dragged into a storm by other people.

This is what happened to Paul in Acts 27.

Paul tried to warn the owner of the ship..... Acts 27:9-11

WATCH THIS: As God's people today in America we can identify with this kind of storm. For we are being dragged into a storm morally and spiritually because of corrupt politicians and liberal rotten judges we didn't vote for.

America today is in a storm like we've never been in before because of corrupt leadership making laws to and as a result we are sailing as a nation into a storm of God's.....

This morning in Acts 27, I want us to see 5 ways we can sink a ship or 5 ways to make a bad decision.

I. Make your decision in _____. v9

The centurion said, "time is going by fast we need to hurry up and do something."

Lot of people today are making decisions in "H" instead of waiting on the Lord.

Examples: Marriages made in "H".....

Businessmen make "D" in haste instead of getting a word from the Lord.

Key thought: _____ where God _____ you till God moves you on!

The Holy Spirit NEVER pushes God's children to make a "D"
HE always leads us HE never shoves.

II. _____ upon worldly counsel rather than Godly wisdom. Acts 27:11

If you go to people of this world who are _____ born, those who have never been.....

Example: lady and her marriage counselor.

Key thought: Forsake any counsel that is not based on the _____ of _____!

III. Take the _____ way out. Acts 27:12 They made their "D" on the basis of.....

Remember: The easy way out is not necessarily the out.

The Bible says we are to "Endure hardness as good soldiers of the Lord."

IV. _____ the crowd. Acts 27:12 "more part"

They polled the crowd of 273 passengers: _____ said yes, _____ said no.

Learn this: The majority is "Almost Always Wrong"

Just because everyone says its O.K. doesn't mean it's O.K.

This is one of the problems we're having in America today just -- because the liberal.....

Remember young people, Just because everyone else is doing "it" doesn't mean it's right.

Example: In the Book of Numbers Moses sent out.....

Israel believed the majority and they 40 years

In 1st Samuel the Nation of Israel came to Samuel and said "we want a king".....

In Matthew 27 Jesus was standing before Pilate and Pilate said to the people,
who do you want me to release.....? The majority said.....

The majority was wrong!

V. Make a decision based on _____. Acts 27:13 "supposing"

They said the sun is shining, the sea..... That soothing south wind soon

turned into ship. Lots of people today are being led by circumstances.

As God's people we don't operate on circumstances we operate on 3 things:

1. _____ Godly counsel.

Proverbs 11:14 *Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude
of counsellors there is safety.*

Proverbs 15:22 *Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude
of counsellors they are established.*

2. By _____ God's Word. 2nd Timothy 3:16

3. Being led by the _____ of God. **Romans 8:14** "For as many as are led by
the Spirit of God they are the children of God."

Conclusion:

I'd rather be in a than on a calm sea..... Jesus never promised us _____ sailing

but He has promised us a _____ landing on the other side.