

2024 - Family Devo

Dec 15 - a



READ: Acts 27:21-32

Main Idea: Paul addresses the men on the boat and after having an “I told you so” moment, he encourages them. He tells them about receiving a message from an angel about how they would all be saved from this pending shipwreck. However, they would be saved only if they stayed on the boat a little longer and didn’t try to abandon ship yet. The centurion and soldiers listen to Paul’s advice this time, and keep everyone on the ship.

DISCUSS

Children: Paul was in a very dangerous situation along with all the other passengers on the ship. He stood up in front of all the men. He had to speak in a loud voice to talk over the noise of the storm. He said, “Men, if you had listened to my warning, we would not have been caught up in this terrible storm. I want to encourage you because last night God sent an angel who stood beside me and said, ‘Don’t be afraid Paul, all those who are sailing with you will be saved.’ Paul believed God and encouraged the passengers to be brave because it will happen just as God says it will. If he would not have believed the words God spoke to him he wouldn’t have been able to help the passengers on this boat. Because Paul believed God would keep His Word, he had the power of the Holy Spirit to help him to speak words of encouragement to those who were terrified all around him.

Teen: Has God given us a message to share with others? What message has he given us? Have you ever tried to tell someone about God and been ignored? How did you handle it?

Adult: Do you think Paul was by nature an encourager. Some of his sermons aren't very encouraging. If you'd been on this ship, would his speech have encouraged you? What part would make you most settled? Would you have wanted to hear something else from Paul?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Romans 6:23 (ESV)
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READ: Acts 27:33-38

Main Idea: It has been 14 days that the passengers onboard this pending shipwreck have gone without food. Evidently food was available, but they've been too afraid and discouraged to eat. Paul tells them that all of them will survive this event (276 passengers) and then he says a prayer of thanks and begins to eat. They are encouraged by this and begin to eat themselves.

DISCUSS

Children: As it began to get close to morning, Paul told everyone that they needed to eat something. It had been 14 days since anyone had eaten anything. He knew the people needed their strength to survive and he believed that God was going to save every one of them. After he had said these things he took bread and gave thanks to God and began to eat. Everyone was encouraged and they began to eat as well. After everyone ate as much as they wanted they threw the rest of the grain overboard. Why would they do that? If you had been Paul, knowing you would have to abandon the ship and swim to shore to survive, would you have been scared?

Teen: Is our faith in God an encouragement to those around us? When life gets hard, do you stay calm, knowing God is in control? If so, what helps you do this? If not, what could help you going forward?

Adult: Fourteen days without food. Why do you think the men didn't eat? Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't eat for an extended period of time? How long was that? Why didn't you eat? What emotion drove you to stop feeling hungry? When this happened, was it just you who didn't eat or your whole family or some larger group? What finally happened that allowed you to eat again?

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