

The apostle Paul was a prisoner on board a ship headed to Rome, but for fourteen days they were battered by a violent storm. The winds and waves were so strong, that after they had thrown all the cargo overboard, the Scripture says: "All hope that they would be saved was gone." But in the midst of the sailors' despair, Paul came forward and spoke today's Scripture. He had this promise from God that not only would he stand before Caesar, but that God was going to spare everyone on the ship. The ship finally hit a huge sandbar and broke apart, but all 276 of the people onboard made it safely to shore.

You may be struggling to understand why you are in a difficult place. How do you know that you are not right on course, right on schedule, to see what God promised you? How do you know that God is not wanting to use the difficulties to position you for your destiny, as well as show His gracious hand to those around you who need to see Him? That is what faith is all about.

Acts 27:22-24 "But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong, and whom I serve, stood beside me and said: 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'"