

Lessons to Learn from Paul's Shipwreck Experience

One of the most powerful things that we can learn from “shipwreck” experiences is God’s grace to sustain us and the power of prayer to produce confidence and courage when things seem overwhelming. Our faith can reach new heights if we allow the Holy Spirit to help us embrace His supernatural intervention.

Lesson 1. Prepare for the unexpected with confidence Acts 27:9-12

- a. Seek wisdom of the Holy Spirit to reveal to you things that can only be given through divine discernment
- b. Do not become discouraged when your insight is overruled by those in authority
- c. Learn to walk humbly through the favor of God upon your life

Lesson 2. Remember God’s purpose for your life Acts 9: 15-16

- a. Let your prayers this week focus on God’s plan and purpose for your life
- b. Realize that you are a chosen vessel of the Lord to make a difference wherever you go
- c. Seek opportunities to share God’s goodness and favor in your life

Lesson 3. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct you in situations you face that will bring hope and courage for yourself and others around you Acts 27:21-26

- a. Resist the temptation to blame others for things that you are going through
- b. Allow the Lord to use you as a leader to bring hope to situations that seem as though they are doomed for failure
- c. Ask the Holy Spirit for insight in bring a plan that will benefit others

Lesson 4. Be bold to share your conviction of abiding of obedience to the word of God Acts 27: 28-31

- a. Be willing to confront actions that are contrary to the instructions from the word of the Lord

- b. Be confident in your approach by applying the word of the Lord with grace to those who will hear it and obey
- c. Remember that your identity is in the Lord who has commissioned you to minister under His authority

Lesson 5. Allow your concern for the wellbeing of others through compassionate understanding of what they have experienced. Acts 27:33-36

- a. Trust the Holy Spirit to make you aware of what people have experienced during their time of adversity and bring words of encouragements
- b. Let your prayers of thanksgiving be heard as a testimony of the Lord's faithfulness to sustain you through times of difficulty
- c. Speak words of encouragement and hope to those who need to refocus on the goodness of the Lord

Lesson 6. Paul boldly took leadership even though he was a prisoner Acts 27:39-44

- a. In spite of the shipwreck 276 lives were saved
- b. Ask the Lord to show you how you can impact the lives of people through your obedience
- c. Seek ways to use your leadership ability for the benefit of others

The end result of this experience was one man with hope in his heart and courage on his lips had faith to overcome the disaster of the shipwreck. Paul was on a mission assignment to preach in Rome and no plan of the enemy could stop him. My prayer is that you will operate in the grace of God and benefit from these lessons and overcome obstacles in your life and the lives of others to fulfill your destiny as you follow Jesus.