

Message Outline

Paul: In Rough Waters

Acts 27-28:16



Intro: Studying the life of Paul...

- Last week, court room drama (cf. 26:28-32).
- This week, a boat trip gone bad...

v.1-8—Traveling from port to port inching toward Rome...

v.9-12—Raising concern...

v.13-20—Caught in a storm...

- “all hope of being saved was at last abandoned”: ever been there???

v.21-26—Paul’s “I told you so” speech...

- Gives hope (v.22), gives God (v.25), gives practical boating tips (v.26)...
- Speaking to souls and situations...

v.27-32—Leading in tough times...

v.33-38—A message and a meal...

v.39-44—Unlikely connections...

28:1-3—From the boat to being bitten...

v.4-6—From cursed to blessed...

v.7-16—Rome at last!!!



Lessons from Life at Sea

- 1) _____
 - Paul’s desire is Rome (19:21), God’s promise is Rome (23:11), but Rome was still a long time coming!!!
 - Examples of God taking His time in Scripture (ie. Joseph, Moses, David, etc.)...
 - Living in the waiting...
- 2) _____
 - TOTAL body care: physical, spiritual, rational, relational, etc.
 - Paul praying and eating in extreme times (27:33-35)...
- 3) _____
 - At times God calms storms (Mk.4:35ff.) and at times guides in storms (Acts 27)...
 - God’s power/presence in all places (cf.Rom.8:31-39)...

Small Group Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

Read: Philippians 2

**From this passage, what do you notice about how Christians are to live?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Paul’s got a whale of a water tale! What’s the most interesting thing that ever happened to you out on the water (ie. sea water, pool water, drinking water...basically any water tale!)?*

**Paul had an “I told you so” moment in 27:21ff. When is a time you offered better advice (or someone offered better advice to you) but it wasn’t heeded? How did you react in your “I told you so” moment?*

**What do you think the other 276 people on board the boat thought of Paul thru this whole ordeal? What example did Paul set for others in the midst of this boating crisis?*

**What do you think was going thru Paul’s mind when he finally landed in Rome (28:14)?*