

The Storm Before the Calm

Acts 27:1-44

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Storm Lessons

1. Storms come to everyone eventually.
2. Often, we don't know why storms come.
3. Storms often last longer than we'd like.
4. We are not necessarily out of God's will when caught in a storm.
5. God works through storms to accomplish His purposes.
6. Storms give us opportunities to serve and witness.
7. Storms cause us to get rid of excess baggage.
8. God loves to bring true hope when we are totally helpless.
9. What appears to be the easy way may end in disaster.
10. Calm seas can fool us into believing storms will not come.
11. God makes a way when we submit to His ways.
12. Sometimes God calms the storms around us and other times He calms the storms within us.
13. Stay connected to others and don't jump ship.
14. Majority opinion is not always right.
15. Difficult and dark times can slow us down, but God is always at work.
16. Storms reveal what's inside us.
17. Our response to a storm can lead to damaging bitterness or to deeper belief.
18. Storms help us settle who we belong to and who we worship.
19. Storms reposition us to live out God's purposes.
20. When going through a storm, make sure Jesus is the captain of your ship.

Six Anchors

1. **God's promise** (22).
2. **God's presence** (23).
3. **God's peace** (24a).
4. **God's plan** (24b).
5. **God's protection** (24c).
6. **God's providence** (25-26).