

Game Changers - Part 11
The Law of Trust
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How to trust God in a storm:

- Day 1 - Jesus power helps us do hard things
- Day 2 - Jesus power gives us hope
- Day 3 - Jesus power helps us to be bold
- Day 4 - Jesus power lets us live forever
- Day 5 - Jesus power helps us be good friends

It's the story of a shipwreck:

- A Storm
- Why does God put these kinds of stories in the Bible?

2 Tim. 3:16 (ERV) All Scripture is given by God. And all Scripture is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives. It is useful for correcting faults and teaching the right way to live.

- Weather a Storm
- The storms that we bring on ourselves
- The storms that God causes
- The storms that other people cause
- Storms don't play favorites
- Paul's heart's desire was to go to Rome and preach the Gospel
- Your assignment is always the problem God has designed for you to solve for others

Acts 27:9-12 (ESV) Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.

How we get into a storm:

1st) Bad ADVICE

Acts 27:11 (ESV) But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.

- We listen to the wrong experts.

2nd) Popular OPINION

Acts 27:12 (ESV) And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there,

- Sometimes we just take a vote

3rd) Feelings over FACTS

Acts 27:12b (ESV) the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix,

Acts 27:13-20 (ESV) Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

What Storms do:

A) Wreck our RESOLVE

- We gave way to it
- I can't take this anymore

B) Grasp our GOALS

- and were driven along
- Drifting
- We just let go of our goal, we forget where we're headed
- You get a problem and it just batters you back and forth.

C) Vacate our VALUABLES

- We start throwing things out of our lives.
- We become impulsive

D) Hinder our **HOPE**

Acts 27:20 (ESV) When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

- Despair
- all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned
- Despairing.

Acts 27:21-25 (ESV) Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on some island."

How to Weather a Storm:

1st) Believe you'll **MAKE IT**

22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

2nd) Remember God's **PRESENCE**

Acts 27:23 (ESV) For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship

- Storms can never hide the face of God

3rd) Fight against **FEAR**

Acts 27:24 (ESV) and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar.

- We're not here just to take up space, we're here to make a difference!

4th) Pursue God's **PROMISE**

Acts 27:25-26 (ESV) So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on some island."