

Chapter 30

Paul's Final Days



THE STORY

"Man is born unto trouble."

Job 5:7

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble."

Job 14:1



THE STORY

"In this world you will have troubles, but take heart, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

**"Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you."
Psalms 50:15**



"God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in the time of trouble." Psalms 46:1



THE STORY

"Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews forth stripes save one. Three times I have been beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked. A night and a day I have been adrift at sea. On my journeys I have often been in danger from rivers,...



**robbers, my own people the Jews,
the Gentiles, false brethern and
the sea. I have been in constant
toil and hardship with many
sleepless nights. Often in hunger
and thirst without food. Often in
cold and exposure without warm
clothes to protect me from the
elements,..**



THE STORY

**and always upon me there is the
pressure of the care of the
church."**

**2 Corinthians 11:23-28
(Amplified Bible)**



THE STORY

"We are pressed on every side by trouble, because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit."

**2 Corinthians 4:8
(Living Bible)**



THE STORY

**"We may be knocked down but we
are not knocked out."**



THE STORY

Principle #1 - Determine the reason for the storm.

**"I tried to think this problem through, but it was too difficult for me, until I went into your temple."
Psalm 73:16**



**There are three types of storms
that come into our lives:**

Storms that we bring on ourselves.

Storms that are caused by others.

Storms that are allowed by God.



Three Reasons People get Themselves in Trouble.

1. We listen to bad advice from others.



**"However the centurion paid
greater attention to the pilot and
to the owner of the ship than to
what Paul said..."**

Acts 27:11



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Three Reasons People get Themselves in Trouble.

2. We sometimes follow the crowd.

"The majority favored the plan of putting to sea again."

Acts 27:12



Three Reasons People get Themselves in Trouble.

3. We rely on circumstances many times.



"So when the south wind blew softly, supposing they were gaining their object, they weighed anchor and sailed." Acts 27:13



Principle #2 - Determine your response to the storm.



THE STORY

Three Wrong Ways to Respond to a Storm.

1. Don't drift.



**"And when the ship was caught
and was unable to head against
the wind, we gave up and letting
her drift, we were borne along."
Acts 27:15**



Three Wrong Ways to Respond to a Storm.

2. Don't discard.



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**"As we were being dangerously tossed about by the violence of the storm: the next day they began to throw the freight overboard."
Acts 27:18**



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Three Wrong Ways to Respond to a Storm.

3. Don't despair.



THE STORY

"And when neither sun nor stars were visible for many days, and no small tempest kept raging about us, all hope of our being saved was finally abandoned." Acts 27:20



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Three right ways to respond to storms.

- 1. Confess that there is a problem.**
- 2. Confront the problem.**



Three right ways to respond to storms.

3. Claim a promise.



"But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, and he said,...



**"Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in His goodness, has granted safety to everyone traveling with you. So take courage! For I believe God."
Acts 27:22-25**



A difference maker is an individual whose attitudes, values, and actions encourage and help, or in some way benefits the lives of others.



**We Are Empowered By Equipment
That Is Unequaled.**



THE STORY

**Use me to impact this teenager's
life.**

**Use me to ease someone's
loneliness.**



THE STORY

Use me to witness to some lost soul about Jesus.

Use me to deepen someone's faith.



Use me to feed someone's hunger.

**Use me to touch lives in your
name.**



THE STORY

“So don’t be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work...”



THE STORY

We had nothing to do with it. It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus...



THE STORY

This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end." 2 Timothy 1:8-12
(The Message)



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**“You take over. I’m about to die,
my life an offering on God’s altar.
This is the only race worth
running. I’ve run hard right to the
finish, believed all the way. All
that’s left now is the shouting—
God’s applause!...**



THE STORY

**Depend on it, he's an honest judge.
He'll do right not only by me, but
by everyone eager for his coming."
2 Timothy 4:6-8
(The Message)**

