

Sermon Notes

I. Introduction

- **Title:** When Storms Come
- **Passage:** Acts 27:13-26
- **Key Theme:** Trusting God through the storms of life.

II. Key Themes and Discussions

A. Paul's Storm

- **The Journey:** Paul, under arrest, is en route to Rome when the ship encounters a Euroclydon (a violent storm).
- **Ignoring Godly Counsel:** Despite Paul's warnings, the crew decides to sail, leading to peril (Acts 27:9-13).
- **Application:** Disregarding God's guidance often results in unnecessary hardship.

B. Letting Go of Unnecessary Burdens

- **Lightening the Load:** The crew throws cargo and tackle overboard to save the ship (Acts 27:18-19).
- **Spiritual Application:** Storms help reveal what truly matters and challenge us to let go of distractions and sin that weigh us down.

C. God's Sovereignty and Promises

- **Paul's Assurance:** An angel assures Paul that no lives will be lost because of God's plan for him to stand before Caesar (Acts 27:23-24).
- **Trust in God's Word:** Paul declares his faith in God's promises, encouraging others to take heart (Acts 27:25).
- **Application:** Trusting God's sovereignty brings peace amidst chaos.

D. Lessons from the Storm

- **Storms Are Inevitable:** Trials are part of life but serve to refine faith (Isaiah 43:2).
- **God's Presence:** Believers are not spared from storms but are assured of God's presence and protection (Isaiah 43:2-3).
- **Obedience and Trust:** Trusting and obeying God leads to His guidance and provision.

III. Conclusion

- **Reflection:** How do you respond to life's storms? Are you trusting God's promises?
- **Encouragement:** Rest in God's sovereignty, let go of burdens, and seek His direction in every season.

Scriptural References

- **Acts 27:13-26**
- **Isaiah 43:2-3**
- **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**
- **Psalms 46:1-3**