

A dramatic storm scene with a person holding an umbrella. The background is a dark, stormy sky with multiple bright lightning bolts striking down. In the foreground, a person is silhouetted against the sky, holding a large black umbrella. The person is standing in a field of tall grass. The overall mood is one of resilience and faith in the face of adversity.

HOW TO STAY CONFIDENT IN A STORM

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TYPES OF STORMS

1.

STORMS THAT WE CAUSE

2.

STORMS THAT GOD CAUSES

3.

STORMS OTHERS CAUSE

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9 Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Day of Atonement.[a] So Paul warned them,

10 “Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.”

11 But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship.

12 Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.

The Storm

13 When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete.

14 Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island.

15 The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along.

16 As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure,

17 so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor[b] and let the ship be driven along.

18 We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard.

19 On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

20 When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

21 After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared

yourself this damage and loss.

22 But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed.

23 Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me

24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

25 So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told

yourself this damage and loss.

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24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

25 So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

26 Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

**WHY DO WE
BELIEVERS SAIL INTO
STORMS?**

1.

**WRONG GUIDANCE
FROM THE EXPERTS**

2.

**WRONG GUIDANCE
FROM THE MAJORITY**

3.

**WRONG GUIDANCE
FROM
THE CIRCUMSTANCES**

**WHAT MISTAKES DO
WE MAKE IN
A STORM?**

1.

WE DRIFT

2.

WE DISCARD THINGS

3.

WE DESPAIR

**HOW DO WE SURVIVE
A STORM?**

1.

**LISTEN FOR
A MESSAGE**

2.

LEAN ON A MEMBER

3.

**LOOK FOR
A MINISTRY**

4.

**OUR STABILITY IS NOT
SHAKEN BY ADVERSITY**

5.

HE INFORMS US

6.

HE TRANSFORMS US

7.

**GOD IS ALWAYS
ON TIME**