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Sermon: Confidence (In Your Crisis)

Scripture: Acts 27 (NKJV)

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## THREE KINDS OF STORMS IN LIFE

1. storms that we bring on ourselves
2. storms God allows
3. storms that other people cause

*saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."*

**Acts 27:10 (NKJV)**

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## THREE COMMON REASONS WE GET OURSELVES IN A MESS

1. We listen to the wrong experts.

*Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.*

**Acts 27:11 (NKJV)**

2. We take a vote.

*And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.*

**Acts 27:12 (NKJV)**

3. We rely on circumstances.

*When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete.*

**Acts 27:13 (NKJV)**



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## THREE THINGS NOT TO DO IN A CRISIS

### 1. Don't drift.

*So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive. When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.*

**Acts 27:15, 17 (NKJV)**

### 2. Don't discard.

*And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship. On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands.*

*So when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and threw out the wheat into the sea.*

*But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.*

**Acts 27:18–19, 38, 43–44 (NKJV)**

### 3. Don't despair.

*Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.*

**Acts 27:20 (NKJV)**

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## THREE ANCHORS THAT WILL GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE

### 1. God's presence

*For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,*

**Acts 27:23 (NKJV)**

### 2. God's purpose

*saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*

**Acts 27:24 (NKJV)**



### 3. God's promise

*Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.*

**Acts 27:25 (NKJV)**

What do we do while we wait for God to fulfill His promise?

*Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come.*

**Acts 27:29 (NKJV)**

Anchor on the truth of God's Word and PRAY.

You will make it safely to land!