

lifegroups

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Session #2— October 11, 2026

Title: Anchored During the Storm

Theme: Killing What's Killing Me

Scripture: Acts 27:9-12; 18-25 (NIV)

Objective: During this session, learners will anchor their trust in God's unchanging peace during chaotic life disruptions.

Outreach from Previous Week:

What are practical, daily ways you can "re-ignite" or actively use the gifts God has given you, rather than letting them sit idle?

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Acts 27:9-12

⁹ Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Day of Atonement. 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.

Acts 27:18-25

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.

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Training Text: Acts 27:18-25 (NIV) -continued

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 yourselves 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 me.

Scripture Discussion | Acts 27:9-12

- Why do you think the centurion chose to listen to the pilot and the ship owner rather than Paul?
 - How does the desire for immediate comfort blind people to long-term dangers?
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Scripture Discussion | Acts 27:18-21

- Why did the crew start throwing cargo and tackle overboard, and how does panic change what people value in a crisis?
 - What physical and emotional state were the crew and passengers in after "many days" of the storm (vv. 20–21)?
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Scripture Discussion | Acts 27:22-25

- What did Paul advise the crew to do?
 - What did he say would happen?
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Discussion Questions:

- How can believers act as a calming, hopeful presence for others facing unexpected crises?
- Can a person have genuine faith in God and still experience intense fear?
- When circumstances completely contradict God's Word, what practical steps do you take to trust Him?
- Who is in your "ship" (family, workplace, school) that might be experiencing God's grace simply because you are there?

Next Week's Scripture: Romans 16:17-20 (NIV)

Outreach:

Ask two people the following question: How can believers act as a calming, hopeful presence for others facing unexpected crises?

Report your results in the group next week.