# Acts 27 v 13

For when the South wind blew softly supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence they sailed close by Crete

#### Circumstances looked good,

They Centurion and soldiers wanted to get on, they were impatient, They did not want to stay in this region for the winter.

#### They had not asked God?

There were no prayers for guidance!

The steps good man are ordered by the Lord. Psalm 37 v 23 I all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path. Prov 3 v 6 Thou shalt hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way walk ye in it. Isaiah 30 v 20/2

#### **Warning**

Paul had admonished them and told them plainly what he perceived. A word of knowledge.

Nevertheless the Centurion believed the master and owner of the ship more than those things which were spoken of Paul. Acts 27 v 11

#### **False Prophets in these last days**

1 John 4 v 1. Believe not every spirit test the spirits

Soon afterwards.. A tempestuous Wind

Wind of the Holy Spirit blows through our lives. My calling

Impossible to hold on to anything.

My testimony after all on the altar!

## Last days seeing sign in the weather.

Signs is the sky! Luke 21 v 11

And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilence's; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Hurricane in the Caribbean . German training ship went down.. Another tanker broke her back in the same storm

# The Euroclydon.

The wind blew so strong they had to let the ship sail before her.; Many times in the Christian life we have to learn to let go and let God! God engineers our circumstances so that we are ready to submit our will to his.

Jonah tried to run away from God's will but the Lord had prepared a fish. Jonah. 1 v 3 he fled to Tarshish on a ship.....

The disciples in the storm!

And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. Matthew 8:25

#### The storms of life.

Fearing they should fall into the quicksand's they struck sail v 17 They were out of control driven by the wind.. Many Christians are driven by fear. Christians can be driven by their circumstances. One degree off course- you never arrive

Exceedingly tossed by the storm v 18

They made more efforts. Everything had to go. Acts 27 V 20 No hope was left.

#### Wits end corner. Psalm 107 v 27

Amalek . David lost all. Wept.. His men were about to stone him. It was a disaster. How did he cope? What did he do?

He enquired of the Lord..1 Sam 30

#### The Lord delivered him..

Psalm 34 v 6 This poor man cried and the Lord heard him and delivered him from all his troubles.

### A word of Knowledge

Paul after fasting prayer was able to tell them You should have listened to me! Acts 27  $\,$  v 21 His exhortation .

Be of good cheer v 22

For there shall be no loss among you but the ship. There stood by me this night and angel of God whose I am and whom I serve saying v 22

**Fear thou not, for I am with thee.** Isaiah 41 v 10

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Isaiah 54 v 17 . No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

# <u>Fear not, it is I.</u>

## The disciple were afraid in a stormy sea!

Mark 6:50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

#### **God had a purpose in saving Paul**

Acts 27:24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

#### **On his first meeting with resurrected Jesus....**

Go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do! Acts 9 v 6

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:.....

#### **God's purpose for our lives we are saved to serve**

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

#### Elijah desired to die.

He thought he had failed. He ran for his life. He was depressed. He was distraught. God fed him and told him he had three more things for him to do! 1 Kings 19 v 5

More work to be done!

# 1/ Anoint Hazel to be King over Syria 2/ Anoint Jehu to be King of Israel 3/ Anoint Elisha to be prophet in thy stead. I Kings 19 v 16