
Shipwrecked: What To Do When We Don't Know What To Do

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Listening to the _____

Deciding to go with the _____

Going with what we _____

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Storms can cause us to drift from our _____ and _____.

Storms can cause us to _____ what's _____ to us.

Storms can lead to _____.

Three anchors that will save our ship:

Acts 27:21-26

God's _____

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Listening to the **WRONG EXPERTS**

Deciding to go with the **MAJORITY**

Going with what we **THINK IS BEST**

Three problems storms can create for us:

Acts 27:14-20, Joshua 1:5-9, Matthew 6:19-34

Storms can cause us to drift from our **GOALS** and **VALUES**.

Storms can cause us to **THROW OUT** what's **MOST VALUABLE** to us.

Storms can lead to **DESPAIR**.

Three anchors that will save our ship:

Acts 27:21-26

God's **PRESENCE**

God's **PURPOSE**

God's **PROMISES**

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of March 7, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study & discussion)

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Looking at the "three anchors that will save our ship" from this weekend's sermon, which one is easiest for you to remember in a "storm"? Which one is hardest for you to remember?

2. Chris talked this weekend about how during the storm, Paul was anchored in the presence of God. What words or images come to mind when you hear the phrase "presence of God"?

DIGGING DEEPER

Note: In this week's study questions, we are going to focus in on practicing the presence of God and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

1. For many of us, the idea of the presence of God is hard to connect with on a daily basis. We may think it is something we only experience at church or that it is reserved for feelers or charismatic believers. Yet, Scripture tells us every believer has the Spirit of God dwelling inside of them. As you read the verses below, what words or phrases stand out about what it means to have the presence of God with you?

Galatians 2:20 New International Version (NIV)

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

John 14:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Ephesians 3:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...

Think for a moment about the differences between driving in the car with a friend versus by yourself. How is that experience different with another person present? How might knowing God's presence lives in us at all times change a person's experience of something?

In *The Practice of the Presence of God*, 17th-century monk Brother Lawrence talks about being aware of God's presence daily by turning our attention toward Him in thought and prayer. How would you describe what practicing the presence of God looks like in your life?

Can you think of any distractions or obstacles that make it difficult for us to remember God's presence is with us?

Make a list of any practical ways a person can remember to turn their attention toward God throughout their day.

2. Many Christians tend to struggle with how to build a relationship with God. An important part of building and continuing any relationship is conversation. So, it makes sense that knowing and being with God involves talking with Him. Praying, or talking to God, is something Paul instructed believers about repeatedly. How do these verses speak to engaging in dialogue with God?

Romans 12:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Ephesians 6:18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

What do you think it means (or doesn't mean) to pray continually, without ceasing and on all occasions as Paul talks about in the verses?

What are three things you talk to God about most frequently?

Looking at the three things you wrote, do they tend to involve:

- thanking God?
- asking God for something you need or desire?
- confessing or repenting?
- seeking wisdom for a decision you are making?
- asking God about something you want to learn or grow in?
- listening?
- other: _____

From the list above, is there an aspect of prayer you would like to focus on more when talking to God?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?
2. Are there any simple ways you want to remember to practice the presence of God more in your life?
3. Is there a conversation with God you want to have this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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