

Acts 27:1-44  
November 18, 2018  
Sermon Notes

3 Truths about Storms:

1. Storms are unpredictable

Ecclesiastes 9:11 ESV

11 Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all.

At best life is unpredictable. No one knows whether a pleasant or harsh future awaits. Perhaps it is better that way. It would be nice if good actions always guaranteed a pleasant future, but they don't. Sometimes, in this fallen world, it is just the opposite.

Ecclesiastes 9:7-9 ESV

7 Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. 8 Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. 9 Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

God's care is the certainty we take into life's uncertainty

3 Truths about Storms:

2. There are benefits to facing the storm rather than escaping it

In the storm you find:

- a. God's presence
- b. Your purpose

Matthew 14:33 ESV

33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

3 Truths about Storms:

3. Storms don't last

Galatians 6:9 ESV

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Biblical thanksgiving is not merely our grateful response to a perceived grace received from God; it is a means to perceiving that grace.

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Fulfilling joys usually require strenuous pursuit, therefore we often don't feel like pursuing the things we need most.