

ANCHORS FOR THE STORMS

Acts 27:29

Introduction. This shipwreck was the result of wrong decisions. How does this apply to us today? Look at them:

1. We shipwreck when we _____ our decisions in haste (Acts 27:7).
2. We shipwreck when we _____ our decisions on human reasoning rather than divine revelation (Acts 27:9-12).
3. We shipwreck when our decisions are _____ on comfort and convenience (Acts 27:12a).
4. We shipwreck when our decisions are _____ on the majority's voice instead of God's voice (Acts 27:12b).
5. We shipwreck when our decisions are _____ on circumstance (Acts 27:13).

In this very popular portion of Scripture Paul shares with them **four anchors** that keep the Christian life on course during the storms of life:

I. ANCHOR #1—THE _____ OF HEAVEN (Acts 27:23-24).

Look at this passage:

- A. First, notice the _____ of God (27:24a).
- B. Secondly, note our _____ with God (27:24b).
 1. First, it involves _____ (1 John 1:23; 3:2).
 2. Secondly, it includes _____ (Exodus 21:6).
- C. Thirdly, consider the _____ of God (27:24).
- D. Fourthly, think about the _____ of God (27:24c).

II. ANCHOR #2—THE _____ OF HIS SERVANT (Acts 27:25) "... for I believe God ..."

III. ANCHOR #3—THE _____ OF THE SHIP (Acts 27:31) "... Except these abide in the ship. ..."

- A. First, look at the _____ of the ship (Matthew 16:18-19).
- B. Secondly, note the _____ of the ship.

IV. ANCHOR #4—THE _____ OF THE MEAT (Acts 27:33).

- A. First, it brings good _____. (27:34a).
- B. Secondly, it will bring _____ (27:34b).
- C. Thirdly, it will bring good _____ (24:36).
- D. Fourthly, it will bring you to the _____ (27:44).

The truth is that some storms cannot be avoided. But the Lord shows us what to do:

1. Keep on _____ your life by your relationship with the Lord Jesus.
2. Keep on _____ through your darkest night.
3. Keep _____ to follow the Lord and His plan for your life.
4. Keep _____ the power of encouragement.
5. Keep _____ God's amazing ability!