

## WHEN A SETBACK ISN'T YOUR FAULT – ACTS 27

### SERIES: *HOW GOD TURNS SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS*

<sup>41</sup> But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. **Acts 27:41 (ESV)**

### 1. WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO MAKE POOR CHOICES THAT LEAD TO SETBACKS AND STORMS?

#### A. WHEN WE LISTEN TO \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, <sup>10</sup> saying, "Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives." **Acts 27:9-10 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. **Acts 27:11 (ESV)**

#### B. WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>12</sup> And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. **Acts 27:12 (ESV)**

#### C. WHEN WE COUNT ON CIRCUMSTANCES INSTEAD OF \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup> Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. **Acts 27:13 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. **Acts 27:14 (ESV)**

### 2. WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STORMS?

#### A. STORMS CAN CAUSE ME TO \_\_\_\_\_ FROM MY \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>15</sup> And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. **Acts 27:15 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. **Acts 27:17 (ESV)**

#### B. STORMS CAN CAUSE ME TO \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT I VALUE.

<sup>18</sup> Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo.

<sup>19</sup> And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. **Acts 27:18-19 (ESV)**

#### C. STORMS CAN CAUSE ME TO DESPAIR.

<sup>20</sup> When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. **Acts 27:20 (ESV)**

### 3. WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER WHEN LIFE FEELS HOPELESS?

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> ANCHOR: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

#### A. REMEMBER: GOD IS WITH ME; HE HAS NOT LEFT ME.

<sup>21</sup> Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. <sup>22</sup> Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, **Acts 27:21-23 (ESV)**

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANCHOR: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

#### B. REMEMBER: GOD'S PURPOSE IS GREATER THAN ANY SETBACK.

<sup>24</sup> and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.' **Acts 27:24 (ESV)**

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANCHOR: THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

#### C. REMEMBER: GOD'S PROMISES CAN BE TRUSTED.

<sup>25</sup> So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told.

<sup>26</sup> But we must run aground on some island." **Acts 27:25-26 (ESV)**

<sup>30</sup> And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup> Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

**Acts 27:30-32 (ESV)**

<sup>34</sup> Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." <sup>35</sup> And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup> Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. **Acts 27:34-36 (ESV)**

<sup>43</sup> But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, <sup>44</sup> and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

**Acts 27:43-44 (ESV)**