

Acts 27: Tests in Circumstances (More Than Abundant)

I. Being Handed Over (vv. 1–8)

- A. Paul was handed over as a prisoner to a centurion
- B. Luke and Aristarchus were with Paul
- C. The centurion showed kindness to Paul
- D. A long and stormy voyage

II. Saints Careful for Their Hearts (vv. 9–38)

- A. The warning from Paul
 - 1. An intuition in his spirit — a response coming from the trusting in God
 - 2. Man's natural response is to believe the experts
 - 3. It is common for man to survey the circumstances
 - 4. Circumstances are not under man's control — confidence and the goal are easily lost
- B. An angel of God spoke — the hidden governing power revealed
 - 1. God spoke and therefore Paul also spoke
 - 2. He could take courage because of God's presence
 - 3. God graciously gave him the lives of all who sailed with him
 - 4. The word of the Lord is the foundation of our faith
- C. Authority is in the hands of spiritual men
 - 1. The sailors attempted to escape from the ship
 - 2. "Unless ... you cannot be saved" (v. 31)
 - 3. So the soldiers cut the ropes
- D. Living a normal life in hardships
 - 1. Everyone had been in constant suspense and had gone without food — lost normal living pattern
 - 2. "You need [food] to survive" (v. 34)
 - 3. "Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head" — a proclamation of faith
 - 4. Paul took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all — an act of faith
 - 5. They were all encouraged

III. Everyone Was Saved (vv. 39–44)

- A. The ship was wrecked
- B. The centurion spared Paul's life, and the lives of all the prisoners were spared as well
- C. Everyone reached land in safety