

God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2
Trusting God in the Perfect Storm
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God's plan for my life...

• May include adversity (Acts 27:1-20)

√ There may be difficulty (vs 1-8; James 1:2-8)

√ There may be loss (vs 9-12; Job 1:6-22)

√ There may be storms
(vs 13-20; Matt 14:22-32; Mark 4:35-41)

• Is to get my focus on Christ (Acts 27:21-26)

√ Believe God's Word (vs 21-24; John 6:66-68)

√ Encourage others to consider God's faithfulness
(vs 25-26; Nehemiah 4:13-14; Lamentations 3:19-24)

• Is to have me act on what I know to be true
(Acts 27:27-44)

√ No matter what the circumstances
(vs 27-32; Job 2:8-10; 13:15-16)

√ By doing what needs to be done
(vs 33-38; Nehemiah 4:16-23; John 13:2-5)

√ By trusting that God will deliver me in His own
manner and time (vs 39-44; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10)

Remember: God is sovereign over every life "storm" and is able to not only deliver His people, but also able to raise us to a position to influence many as we trust Him.

Making it personal...

How has God used adversity in my life? What did I learn from that experience? How has that affected my faith and life? _____

In what way could I encourage others to consider God's faithfulness as I think back on how God led me through that difficult situation? _____

What was the most recent verse, or verses of Scripture, that I came to have a clearer understanding of due to the situation I was going through? Explain. _____

If I say I believe God's Word and trust that He is faithful, why, when adversity comes, do I not act consistently with what I say I believe? What can I learn from Paul's experience that would help me become more confident in God during those times?
