

Just in Time

Earlier this week, four friends for Georgia left Cotton Bayou in Baldwin County, Alabama, in their 26-foot Cobia boat for a fishing trip in the Gulf of America. About 20 miles offshore, the boat's engine died, and it began to take on water. It was dark and they were being tossed about by five-foot seas. The men made a mayday call for help.

Captain Tony Bearden of the *Annie Girl*, a 62-foot charter boat, answered the call. He was about 5 miles away, but he turned his boat around to help the stranded men. "You could definitely hear in these guys' voices that they were really shook up at what was going on," recalled Bearden.

The *Annie Girl* got to the men just in time. "Right as we backed up to them and started to get to them, the boat capsized, and they all ended up in the water," said Bearden. Bearden and his crew were able to get the four men onto the *Annie Girl* safely. "I was really thankful that I got there when I did because trying to find those guys in the middle of the night - it's a needle in a haystack," said Bearden. *

When we were stranded and in danger of "drowning" because of our sins (Romans 6:23), God sent His Son Jesus to our rescue. Jesus gave His life for us to save us, for only the sinless Son of God could pay the price for our redemption (1 Peter 1:18-19). When we accept His offer of salvation, we are saved from our sins, and we receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

God will rescue those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

In the "fulness of time" (Galatians 4:4) – at just the right time – Jesus "gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father" (Galatians 1:4 NASB).

Jesus will rescue you, too, if you will trust and obey Him.

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* Information gleaned from "Just in time, Orange Beach charter boat saves four as boat capsizes in the Gulf" by Debbie Williams, May 6, 2026, www.wkrg.com.