

sermon notes

March 8, 2025 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **No Other Name**
"Paul in Peril: Leading through a Crisis" | **Acts 27:1–38**

Biblical Leadership in Action:

- 1) Leaders _____ of those around them
(27:1–3)

- 2) Leaders _____ and know when to defer
(27:4–12)

- 3) Leaders _____ about God's promises
(27:13–26)

- 4) Leaders _____ against compromise
(27:27–32)

- 5) Leaders _____ in times of crisis
(27:33–38)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 27:1–38. Why would the centurion allow Paul to visit his friends in Sidon (27:3)? What are some characteristics of Paul that we have already seen in the book of Acts which might have ingratiated him to this Roman soldier? Is trustworthiness necessary for leadership? Is there such a thing as an untrustworthy leader?

Describe Paul's interactions with the ship's passengers throughout the voyage. How was he selfless? How was he kind and compassionate toward them? How was he self-controlled and confident in God? Why didn't Paul panic in the midst of this crisis?

One author said that Paul was focused on people in this passage and not just objectives. Would you agree with that assessment? What evidence (or evidence to the contrary) can you give from the passage?

GET PERSONAL

Are you tempted to run "from God" instead of "to God" in a crisis? Are you tempted to run "from God" instead of "to God" when life is good and free from obstacles? What are some daily disciplines that keep you anchored to God regardless of what you encounter in life? How disciplined are you with those "daily disciplines?"

God promised Paul that he would testify in Rome (Acts 23:11), but it took him more than two years to get there. And he had to encounter a number of crises along the way. Why did God make Paul go through that before fulfilling his promise? What promises are we waiting on as Christians, and how long will it take for us to see them fulfilled?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What are some things that God has promised us in his Word? List five of those promises. Do you have trouble trusting God and his promises in the midst of a crisis? What hinders your faith during a crisis? What builds your faith in those moments? Are you encouraged by others who exhibit faith in those situations?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Why is the lifeboat incident important in this passage (27:30–32)? Why did Paul say, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved?" Wouldn't this nullify God's previous promise to Paul (see 27:23–26)? How do these verses highlight the tension between divine sovereignty and human responsibility?