**Bible Study Questions: READ Acts 27 (NASB)**

***Memory Verses:*** *"For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong, whom I also serve, came to me..."* — Acts 27:23 (NASB)

This chapter chronicles **Paul’s voyage to Rome** and the **miraculous survival** of all aboard during a violent storm. It reveals God’s sovereignty, Paul’s unwavering faith, and His presence in life’s storms.

**1. Trusting God's Purpose in the Journey *(Acts 27:1–12)***

*Paul sets sail for Rome as a prisoner under guard. Despite challenges, God's plan is still in motion.*

1. **Who was Julius, and how did he treat Paul during the voyage?** *(v.1–3)*
2. **What difficulties did the crew face early in the voyage?** *(v.4–8)*
3. **What warning did Paul give about continuing the voyage?** *(v.9–10)*
4. **Why was Paul’s advice ignored?** *(v.11–12)*

**2. God's Presence in the Storm *(Acts 27:13–26)***

*The ship is caught in a fierce storm, but Paul receives assurance from God that all will be saved.*

1. **What happened after they set sail from Fair Havens?** *(v.13–15)*
2. **How did the crew try to secure the ship during the storm?** *(v.16–19)*
3. **How did the men feel after many days of storm and darkness?** *(v.20–21)*
4. **What message did Paul share to encourage them?** *(v.22–24)*
5. **What did Paul say to stir hope in verse 25?**
6. **What condition did Paul say had to happen before they’d be saved?** (*v.26)*

**3. Salvation and God’s Sovereignty in the Crisis *(Acts 27:27–44)***

*As the ship nears disaster, Paul’s leadership and God's promise result in the salvation of every person aboard.*

1. **How long were they driven by the storm before land was near?** *(v.27)*
2. **What did Paul do when some sailors tried to escape in a lifeboat?** *(v.30–32)*
3. **What did Paul do before the final moments of the voyage?** *(v.33–36)*
4. **What eventually happened to the ship?** *(v.41)*
5. **How did everyone escape, and what was the final outcome?** *(v.43–44)*

**Reflect**

1. **Discerning and Heeding Divine Guidance:** *In Acts 27:9–11, Paul warns the crew of impending danger, but his advice is disregarded in favor of the pilot's and owner's opinions. Reflect on a time when you received wise counsel but chose a different path. What were the outcomes, and how did that experience shape your approach to seeking and following guidance?*
2. **Maintaining Faith Amidst Life's Storms:** *During a violent storm, Paul encourages those aboard by sharing God's promise of their safety (Acts 27:22–25). How do you find and hold onto faith when facing tumultuous situations in your life? Can you recall instances where trusting in God's assurances provided you with peace or direction during challenging times?*
3. **Influencing Others Through Personal Faith:** *Paul's steadfast belief and calm demeanor positively impacted the attitudes of the crew and passengers during the crisis (Acts 27:33–36). How does your personal faith influence those around you, especially in difficult circumstances? Are there ways you can be more intentional in demonstrating trust in God to inspire and support others?*
4. **Recognizing God's Sovereignty in Uncertain Times:** *Despite the chaos of the storm and shipwreck, events unfolded as Paul had foretold, showcasing God's control over the situation (Acts 27:39–44). Reflect on moments in your life where, despite uncertainty, you later recognized God's hand at work. How can acknowledging His sovereignty help you navigate future uncertainties with confidence?*
5. **Learning from Past Mistakes to Make Wiser Decisions:** *The centurion and crew initially ignored Paul's warning, leading to perilous consequences (Acts 27:9–20). Later, they heeded his advice, which contributed to their survival (Acts 27:31–32). Consider a situation where not listening to wise counsel led to difficulties. How did that experience teach you the importance of seeking and following godly wisdom in decision-making?*