



Last week summary: Paul, held captive by Governor Festus, had opportunity to speak before King Agrippa and Bernice. Governor Festus was trying to find reasonable charges against Paul. Paul gave a great example of the different parts of a testimony. We learned: (1) God is in the “story changing” business; (2) We need to carefully think through how to tell our story; (3) We need to pray God uses our story to help spread His story.

You may want to read Acts 27 before answering these questions.

Have you ever been seasick? What happened? How did you recover?

What would you say is the biggest, most exciting, and eventful journey you have ever taken?

Considering everyone in the story of Acts 27, who do you most relate with and why?

Can you share a time when you trusted someone with a big responsibility? Did it pay off or were you disappointed?

Have you ever been so intent on reaching a goal that you forgot to pay attention to the details? Example?

Verse 27 indicates this stormy trip lasted two weeks. How would you be feeling by the end of this period?

Have you traveled for weeks on end? How was your trip?

Even though none of us like storms in life, how can God use them to guide us?

When Paul is in a difficult situation, God meets Paul's need. Tell about an experience when God met your need in a difficult situation.

When have you experienced God's help making it through a difficult trial, later to find yourself being used as an encouragement to others?

Does Romans 8:28 reinforce this?

When have you felt caught in a "northeaster," carried along by the wind? What happened? What did you learn from the situation?

What is the greatest pressure you are facing right now? How can Paul's example help you?

Do you believe that even through our darkest times God is with you? See Hebrews 13:5.

Next Steps:

- I will allow my life to be anchored in God's word (I have faith that things will happen like God said)
- I will be anchored by God's ownership (the God whose I am)
- I will be anchored in my worship/service to God (the God whom I serve).