

SEPTEMBER 10

“UNTIL GOD SAYS, ‘IT’S TIME,’ I’M GOING TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SHORE.”

READ

Acts 27:9-44

The Apostle Paul is being shipped to Rome to be beheaded. It's not a pleasant trip. He tells the captain of the ship, "The winds aren't right. I don't feel good about this," but the captain doesn't listen to Paul. Then the storm hits; anchors won't help, sails won't help, and rudders won't help. They're at the mercy of the open sea. Paul gets in the midst of the storm-tossed sailors, soldiers and prisoners, telling them with calmness, "The ship is going to be splintered, but we're all going to make it safely to shore." That's the calm you can have when the storm is raging. You can stand up and say, "Until God says it's time, I'm going to make it all the way to the shore. I'm relying on His word. I'm not relying on the other people in the storm, or the captain's knowledge, or the strength of the ship. I'm relying on what God has told me." That's called right thinking. You may not get off the boat with a knapsack full. In fact, you may just crawl up on land, one fist full of sand at a time. But then you'll stand up knowing that when God tells you He'll bring you through, He'll bring you through.

PRAY

Give me the faith to believe what You say. You will accomplish what concerns me. Your mercy endures forever. Thank You, Lord.

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