

APRIL 6

## “STORMS COME, BUT WHEN GOD SPEAKS, THE WINDS HAVE TO FLEE.”

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### **READ**

*Acts 27:13-25*

I don't like storms. They bother me and they interrupt my life. Paul is told he must go to Rome to appear before Caesar. If Paul is going to Rome to be martyred, why send him through a storm? What does fighting to get there all those days to stay afloat accomplish? Why not send him on a nice, safe cruise? Do I need to tell you that storms are an inevitable part of your Christian journey? They slowly approach, but suddenly attack. Before you know it, you are engulfed in dark clouds, and you wonder if the sun will ever come out again. Some days you give up. That's what Paul and his shipmates did. They threw things overboard and gave up. Storms come, but they don't last forever. When God speaks, the winds have to flee. You will never face a storm without God speaking to you. Storms come so He may give you instructions about your life. He will speak, and I know it, because He spoke to Paul. Two times He tells Paul to be of good cheer. He didn't tell him he couldn't be afraid, He just said, "Be of good cheer!" When God speaks in the midst of your storm, He never tells you that He's going to take away your problems. He always says, in spite of them and through them, I will be there with you.

### **PRAY**

Jesus, I trust You in the midst of my storm. Speak to me, I will listen. Instruct me, I will obey. I will not give up, I will be of good cheer. You are always with me. Even the winds and waves obey You.

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