

“Surviving the Shipwreck”

**“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”
(Matthew 24:13)**

Embrace Spiritual Authority

Acts 27:9-12 – ⁹“Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying, **‘Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.’** ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.”

Acts 27:30-32 – ³⁰“And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship’s boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, ‘Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.’ ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship’s boat and let it go.”

Renew Your Strength

Acts 27:33-38 – ³³“As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, ‘Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴**Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength,** for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.’ ³⁵And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷(We were in

all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.”

Lighten the Load

Acts 27:18, 38 – ¹⁸“Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo.

³⁸And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.”