

There are storms along God's Will: Acts 27.

1. (1-8) Paul is taken by ship to the island of Crete.
2. (9-12) The decision is made to sail on, instead of wintering at the city of Fair Havens on the island of Crete.

"The dangerous season for sailing began about September 14 and lasted until November 11; after the latter date all navigation on the open sea came to an end until winter was over." (Bruce)

Paul isn't really speaking as a prophet of God, but as an experienced traveler on the waters of the Mediterranean. Paul had already been in three shipwrecks;

2 Corinthians 11:25 *Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;*

3. (13-20) A good start is made from Crete, but the ship quickly encounters great difficulty in a storm.
4. (21-26) Paul reveals to the crew what God promised him about their fate.

The angel of God who appeared to Paul did more than assure *Paul's* survival. Paul already *knew* that he would survive, because God promised he would appear before Caesar in **Acts 19:21 and 23:11**. But the angel also promised something worth telling the passengers and the crew: **God has granted you all who sail with you.**

Paul's unshakable confidence in God made him a leader among these people, even though he was a prisoner of Rome.

Job 13:15 - *Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him*

5. (27-38) On the fourteenth night of the storm, Paul ministers to the passengers and crew.

God has scores of promises of His comfort and care for us in desperate times, but they only benefit us if we *believe* them.

6. (39-44) The ship runs aground and all are safe, in fulfillment of God's promise through Paul.

God gave Paul favor in the eyes of this Roman **centurion**, and that favor kept Paul and all the prisoners alive - God's word never fails!

James 1:1-3 - *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*