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Ever been on a journey somewhere and had a difference of opinion on how best to get there safely? This was exactly Paul's predicament, but when a storm hit, his fellow passengers had little choice but to listen to him...

Luke gives a vivid account of the growing fear and the desperate attempts of the crew to do all that they can to survive the storm. But when the storm got so bad that they could no longer even see the sky for several days, they gave up all hope of being saved. In a world without sat-nav and Google maps, they needed to see the sun and the stars to navigate the ship. When they couldn't, they were lost.

All except Paul, that is. Paul stands as our example here as someone who found courage in the promise of God. He was confident in Christ. Paul was on that ship as a prisoner of men, but he stood up as a man who was free in God, and urged the others to "...keep up your courage..."

We have all faced storms. We know what it is like to be scrambling for survival against emotional, physical, or relational storms. We yearn for peace. We don't like the storms. God promises to give us peace. But too often we look for this peace to be in the absence of storms, when really He gives us the peace we need *in the midst of a storm?*

In the midst of our storms today, pray that we would find courage and peace in the promises of God. Read on to the end of this story and find assurance that God keeps the promises God has made.

"So keep up your courage..."