

July 19, 2015

# Where is God in this Shipwreck?

## Acts 27.1-28.11

*Focus: on trusting God's sovereign goodness even in the midst of terrible hardship.*

### **Discussion:**

- if you'd like, you can begin with a short reading of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day". The text can be found here: <http://sharepoint2.whancock.org:8889/elizabethgretillat/speech/Shared%20Documents/ALEXANDER%20AND%20THE%20TERRIBLE.pdf>
- Read the passage aloud or go to this site and listen to the NIV dramatized reading: <https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/dramatized/niv/Acts.27>
- How do you see God at work in Paul's "terrible horrible days" in this passage? List all the ways. What does this tell you about God?
- How is our assurance the same as Paul's and how is it different?
- How ought this shape your faith as you face terrible days? What makes that a challenge for you?
- Are you tempted to think that your suffering is always your fault? how would you respond to someone who felt that way? What scripture would you use?
- Read this list of promises for those who suffer: 1 Sam. 12:22; Psalm 34:18; Hebrews 2:18; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 9:9-10; Psalm 32:7-8. Which of these promises do you want to lean on during hard times? are there others you use?
- Close by praying for those in your group who are suffering, that they would be found faithful, by God's grace, through it all.