

ENDURING FAITHFULLY

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INTRODUCTION

ENDURE defined: Cambridge dictionary

- To suffer something difficult, unpleasant, or painful
- To continue to exist for a long time

Spirit-filled people endure faithfully: they remain committed in their relationship with God through all of life's ups and downs

KEY POINT: We can endure because His faithfulness anchors our faith

TEXT: Acts 27:13-26

- **There is a place God is leading us (Acts 23:11)**

God has a purpose for our lives and His purpose leads to places

God doesn't force us into our purpose but invites us to partner with him—the Spirit calls and convicts

- **Not every journey follows a straight or easy line**

Dealing with winds (v. 4, 7, 13, 15)

Forces that hinder fair sailing

Decisions of others, circumstances that arise, winds connected with season, enticements

Adjusting our expectations

- **Endurance requires wrestling with the “nevertheless-es” (vv. 22-26)**

Even though there is a place God is bringing us, there are times we might experience hard things

God's will bring us through...but there's something that we are going to go through

There is something you need to do in the midst of the struggle

Weathering the Storms

1. Remember who stands with us (v. 23)

Even when we don't know where we are, God does

He stands with us because we belong to Him

2. Be aware of what hijacks the promise and purpose (vv. 30-32)

Our need to survive sometimes places us in position that can keep us from God's best

Beware of escapes that ensnare

Struggles have a way of revealing the idols in our lives (what we are trusting in to get us through)

3. Maintain your tanks as best you can (vv. 33-36)

Enduring requires self-awareness and self-care

Being mindful of our tanks

4. Find planks of grace to hold onto (vv. 43b-44)

Grace: the ship may not make it, but part of it can help you get to where you need to be next

RESPONSE: Lord, in the storms, help me to endure faithfully