



The Word at Work

The Wind Of Hurricane Force!

Reading the Word

Key Scripture: Acts 27:13-44

Key Points

The passage tells us of the story of Paul as a prisoner with the plan to sail to Rome. Vs13 speaks of a “gentle wind” which made them think “they had obtained what they wanted”.

Prophetically I believe God is saying that we are in and have enjoyed the “gentle wind”.

- The wind is good
- It enables progress
- We have and will continue to see results because of it

However we like Paul must sense the move and change of the spirit. Vs14 says “before long a wind of Hurricane Force swept down”.

I believe the Prophetic now word is that the wind of “Hurricane Force” is coming. This wind will achieve all the same things as the gentle one AND MORE.

- It took them by surprise (it swept down) they did not expect it. This move will not come through the expected sources. It will break out through the body of believers. It will be brought about by people catching the wind and going where it blows. The leaders will not be responsible for you catching it; they will be responsible for the administration of it. You are empowered to catch it and bring it!
- It will be violent (It will mess things up, It will uproot and lift up, It will expose things that were hidden)

- Things will speed up, and move more quickly
- The results will be more striking
- It will bring freshness

Note Vs15 “The ship was caught by the Storm, and could not head into the wind so we gave way to it”. Remember The “Good Ship New Life”? We will have to give way to it. It is the Holy Spirit’s agenda not ours.

The warning from the Spirit is: That the men on the boat tossed out the cargo and tried many times to get out of the ship to safety, but Paul assured them that because of God’s will they were safe. However we need to know that we are on board and make sure that we do not get swept out with the cargo.

- John 3: “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.”
- Nahum 1:3b “His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet”.
- Psalm 50:3 “Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.”

Conclusion:

- We must realize that God is in the wind.
- We don’t have to worry we are in his will. Remember they all reached land safely
- Give way to the wind, be driven along by it
- Take responsibility for your part, don’t expect it to come through the leaders, it will come from the body of believers (we will be surprised, it will come from the unexpected places)

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