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**Will Your Example of Being a God-fearing Believer be an Influence on Others This Year? Acts 27:7-44**

* As a disciple of Christ, we are to tell a dying world about our risen Lord, and our goal is to live each day for Christ in all areas of life!
* Our lives should reflect who we are and whose we are, and this should compel others to want some of what we have and desire to join the Body of Christ!

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**1. We are sometimes persecuted for being faithful.**

* Our grief often will come from those who profess Christ, but do not possess Him.
* Paul’s accusers often made trumped up charges, had him arrested, put in prison and desire was to have him executed because he preached Jesus Christ.
* Even as a prisoner Paul never stopped preaching Jesus to those around him!
* Paul warned of impending doom for the voyage, but those with a financial stake wanted to press on.

**Acts 27:7-19**

**2. Our life’s mission should be a reflection of our faith!**

* We should always remember only what you do for Christ will last!
* All hope of the men being saved was gradually abandoned by the crew after several days of storms, but Paul had encouraging words from The Lord for them all.
* Paul assured them that the God whom he belong and served would save them.

**Acts 27:20-26**

**3. It only takes one to make a difference for many.**

* A single God-fearing person has the same effect that yeast has on dough, but the effect is for good!
* When land was spotted and the ship was stuck on a sandbar, the sailors wanted to abandon the ship and get into the life boats, but Paul warned them unless they stayed on board lives would be lost.
* Paul gave thanks of God for the bread and begged them to eat.
* The soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners to make sure they didn't swim ashore and escape.
* The Roman commanding officer spared the lives of all the other prisoners because he wanted to spare Paul’s life.

**Galatians 5:9; Acts 27:27-44; 1 Corinthians 1:27**