

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

-JOHN 16:33 (NLT)

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

-PROVERBS 3:5-6 (AMPC)

GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU A LIFE WHERE HE'S NOT NECESSARY.

But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

-ACTS 27:41-44 (NIV)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

-2 COR 12:9 (NIV)

GOD WILL STILL GET YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION ON BROKEN PIECES.

WE HAVE TO CHOOSE TO RUN TOGETHER

Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god. There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

-ACTS 28:1-10 (NIV)

GOD WILL PULL PURPOSE OUT OF YOU WHERE THE ENEMY HAS TRIED TO STOP YOU.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-PHILIPPIANS 5:7 (NIV)

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

-PHILIPPIANS 3:12 (NIV)

YOU WILL NEVER RISE IN FAITH ABOVE YOUR RENEWED MIND.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

-ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

The righteous keep moving forward, and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger.

-JOB 17:9 (NLT)