



MESSAGE: WEATHERING STORMS-ANCHORS & DELAYS

Thematic Focus

Looking for a way out and waiting for answers while going through a storm can be difficult. Identify the anchors that are critical to enduring the delays that come with every storm.

Main Points

Four anchors that add stability in a storm:

- Promises of God.
- Precedence of God.
- People of God.
- Presence of God.

Surrendering to God requires:

- A decision to trust.
- A dedication to persevere.
- Humbling yourself.
- A sense of destiny.

Summary Points

Surrendering to God involves both an inward work of His Spirit and our cooperation with Him.

Scriptural Lens:

- Acts 27:27-44

PURSUING CLARITY

Use the following structure to guide your discussion:

Opening Prayer

Take a moment to recognize Christ's presence with you.

Opening Reflection

What are some of the effects delays have on you when you're experiencing a storm?

Scriptural Focus

Select a Scripture you would like to focus on.

Group Discussion

Use these questions to reflect further:

1. How does a storm reveal the nature of faith we have?
2. How does a storm expose our level of maturity?
3. How might a storm reveal our willingness to change?
4. How can a storm challenge our personal commitments?
5. In what ways could the promises of God serve as an anchor in the midst of a storm? The precedence of God (what He has done in the past)? The people of God? The presence of God?
6. What are some circumstances in which God may call upon us to surrender?
7. What is it about surrendering to God that is both comforting and unsettling?
8. Of the four elements identified as part of surrendering to God, which is the most difficult for you?



Adjusting Focus

Take time to assess how you face the personal storms in your life.

Of the four anchors, which one(s) do you need the most?

- The promises of God.
- The precedence of God.
- The people of God.
- The presence of God.

Identify a step you will take to drop anchor:

In what area of your life do you sense God's Spirit is calling you to surrender?

- Your finances.
- A significant relationship.
- Your health.
- Concern for a loved one or friend.
- Your work.
- Accepting Christ.

Maintaining Focus

How is God's Spirit prompting you to grow on the faith journey. **A step I will take this week to grow stronger in my faith:**

Closing Prayer

Take time at the close of your time together to pray for God's assistance in the journey. Depending on how comfortable group members feel, here are some ways you could pray:

- Write out a personal prayer.
- Have the group facilitator or a designated member of the group pray.
- Have members of the group get into a smaller group to pray for one another.
- Have several members of the group pray aloud and then conclude.