

GOD WITH US—3 IN THE STORM

*“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'” Matthew 1:23
NLT*

- **NEVER LET THE PRESENCE OF A STORM CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. Acts 27:20

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss.” Acts 27:21

“But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³ Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me” Acts 27:22-23

... everyone deserted me ... ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength ... 2 Timothy 4:16-17

I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. Psalm 16:8 NLT

“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’” Acts 27:23-24

“So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.” Acts 27:25

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

² So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; ³ even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence. Psalm 46:1-3 GNT

All Scriptures are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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Talk It Over

What’s a major storm you’ve experienced in your life? How has it changed the way you relate with God?

Pastor Craig said, “Peace isn’t the found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of a good God.” What are some ways you try to find false peace? How will you seek God’s presence instead?

What did you learn in a storm that God can use to help someone else through their own storm? Who can you reach out to this week?

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