

# HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

## STUDY GUIDE

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Acts 27:7-44

### Observation questions

1. In Acts 27:10, what specific warning did Paul give to the ship's officers, and what was their reason for ignoring him?
2. According to the passage, what specific actions did the crew take as the storm grew worse (Acts 27:18-19, 38)?
3. What was the divine assurance given to Paul in the middle of the storm, and how did it change his outlook (Acts 27:22-25)?
4. What practical instruction did Paul give to everyone on board in Acts 27:33-34, and what was the result of his action?

### Interpretation questions

1. The text contrasts a "floating hope" that is lost when circumstances change (Acts 27:20) with an "anchored hope." What is the difference between these two types of hope, and what is the anchored hope rooted in?
2. Paul urged everyone to eat, saying, "not a hair of your heads will perish" (Acts 27:34). How does this act of eating in the midst of a crisis serve as a metaphor for spiritual survival?
3. The planks from the broken ship became the means of rescue (Acts 27:44). What does this illustrate about how God can use the broken pieces of our lives and failures for our salvation and purpose?

# CAN YOU HANDLE THE WEIGHT?

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### Application questions

1. Listening early to warning signs can prevent needless wreckage. What is a recurring "prophetic warning" you tend to ignore—whether from Scripture, a trusted friend, or your own conscience—because you are prioritizing comfort, image, or profit?
2. Hope rooted in God's proven fidelity sustains steady action under loss. When you face a situation where the "sun and stars" are blotted out, what specific promise of God can you choose to declare louder than the voice of panic?
3. Spiritual starvation compounds external crises. What is one "small act of faith"—like reading a Psalm, worshiping, or calling a believer—you can commit to doing this week to nourish your soul, especially when you don't feel like it?
4. Surrender proves stronger than pride when strength fails. What is the "plank" of grace God has provided for you to hold onto right now (e.g., a community group, a Scripture, counseling) that you've been too proud to fully grab onto?
5. Courage is a recoverable choice, not just a feeling. What is one right thing God has clearly told you to do that you need to pray for courage to act upon, rather than praying for more clarity?
6. The things that wreck us can also carry us. Reflecting on a past "shipwreck," what piece of debris—a lesson learned, a new dependence on God, a supportive person—did God provide to carry you to shore?