

**Don't Give Up**  
**What To Do When You Are Losing Hope**

**Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

**Falsely accused.**

**Acts 26:30-31**

**Have legal battles.**

**Acts 26:32**

**Detoured.**

**Acts 27:1-4**

**It's taking too long.**

**Acts 27:9**

**Disrespected.**

**Acts 27:10-1**

**Ignored.**

**Acts 27:13-14**

**Feel abandoned.**

**Acts 27:27-30 NLT**

**Experience great loss.**

**Acts 27:18-19**

The terrible storm raged for many days, blotting out the sun and the stars, until at last all hope was gone. **Acts 27:20 NLT**

**1. When in the middle of a storm, claim a promise.**

No one had eaten for a long time. Finally, Paul called the crew together and said, "Men, you should have listened to me in the first place and not left Crete. You would have avoided all this damage and loss. But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said. But we will be shipwrecked on an island." **Acts 27:21-25 NLT**

Paul's promise: "That night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, 'Be encouraged, Paul. Just as you have been a witness to me here in Jerusalem, you must preach the Good News in Rome as well.'" **Acts 23:11 NLT**

This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his body decayed. **Acts 13:36 NLT**

## **2. Encourage others with your promise.**

Just as day was dawning, Paul urged everyone to eat. "You have been so worried that you haven't touched food for two weeks," he said. "Please eat something now for your own good. For not a hair of your heads will perish." Then he took some bread, gave thanks to God before them all, and broke off a piece and ate it. Then everyone was encouraged and began to eat—all 276 of us who were on board. **Acts 27:33-38 NLT**

## **3. Use your gift of leadership to save the masses.**

When morning dawned...they saw a bay with a beach and wondered if they could get to shore by running the ship aground. So they cut off the anchors and left them in the sea. Then they lowered the rudders, raised the foresail, and headed toward shore. But they hit a shoal and ran the ship aground too soon.. [the ship] began to break apart. The soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners to make sure they didn't swim ashore and escape. But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn't let them carry out their plan. Then he ordered all who could swim to jump overboard first and make for land. The others held onto planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore. **Acts 27:39-44 NLT**

## **4. When you are wounded publicly, this is so you can show your faithfulness in the face of public scrutiny.**

Once we were safe on shore, we learned that we were on the island of Malta. The people of the island were very kind to us. It was cold and rainy, so they built a fire on the shore to welcome us. As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, "A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live." But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed. The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god. **Acts 28:1-6 NLT**

## **5. Look for opportunities to minister wherever you land.**

Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island...Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. As a result we were showered with honors, and when the time came to sail,

people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip. **Acts 28:7-10 NLT**

**Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New Living Translation.**