

## DEALING WITH DIFFICULTY

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Jesus said...

*"In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

**John 16:33**

Paul wrote...

*"In everything we do we show that we are God's servants,  
by enduring troubles, hardships and difficulties with great patience."*

**2 Corinthians 6:4 (GN)**

### HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULTY

Acts 27

• DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I tried to think this problem through but it was too difficult for me until  
I went into your Temple." Psalm 73:16-17 (GN)*

#### COMMON MISTAKES

• We listen to \_\_\_\_\_  
*"...they followed the advice of the pilot..." (vs. 11)*

• We follow \_\_\_\_\_  
*"...the majority decided that we should sail..." (vs, 12)*

• We rely on \_\_\_\_\_  
*"When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought  
they had obtained what they wanted..." (vs. 13)*

• DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

*"These little troubles, which are temporary, are winning for us a  
permanent, glorious and solid reward all out of proportion to our pain."*  
**2 Corinthians 4:17 (Ph)**

*"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials for we know...  
they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of  
character in us and helps us trust God more each time..."*  
**Romans 5:3-4 (LB)**

• DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

#### WRONG RESPONSES

• To Drift  
*"...so we gave way to it and were driven along" (vs 15)*

• To Discard  
*"...they began to throw the cargo overboard..." (vs 18)*

• To Despair  
*"...we finally gave up all hope of being saved." (vs 20)*

#### THE RIGHT RESPONSE

• Confess \_\_\_\_\_  
*"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be  
successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets  
another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (LB)*

• Confront \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 34-40)

• Claim \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 22-25)