

HERE AM I SEND ME

“Preparing to be Shipwrecked”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 27:1-11

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles” as we endeavor to learn more about the faith of the apostles, the work of the early church, and the spread of Christianity. Paul anticipated the shipwreck in Acts 27 in advance because of supernatural wisdom. He tried to warn the people but they would not listen. Can we learn from this story? Let’s study together....

Discussion:

I. *The Reality of a Sinking Ship*

Option #1 = Deny That It’s Sinking (Matthew 14:25-33, 15:8-9, Ephesians 5:21-33)

Option #2 = Ask For A Refund (Matthew 6:33, 16:24, 19:4-9, Colossians 3:1)

Option #3 = Blame The Captain & Crew (Genesis 3:7-13, Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 9:27)

Option #4 = Go Down With The Ship (Matthew 19:16-22, Acts 5:1-11, 26:28)

Option #5 = Try To Remove The Excess Water (Matthew 7:1-5, John 1:10, 8:23,

I Corinthians 7:10-11)

Option #6 = Discard Unimportant Things (Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:1, I Peter 3:1-7)

Option #7 = Send For Help (John 11:1-3, 16:5-15, Acts 2:37, Romans 10:15)

Option #8 = Pray For Help (Acts 2:42, 4:31, I Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13-16)

Option #9 = Search For A Lifeboat (Matthew 25:1-13, John 4:1-30, Romans 1:16-17)

Option #10 = Do Whatever It Takes To Reach Safety (Isaiah 56:1, Matthew 11:28-30,

II Corinthians 4:7)

II. *The Readiness of a Sinking Sailor*

Ready to Preach (Romans 1:15-16)

Ready to Teach (I Corinthians 3:1-3)

Ready to Give (II Corinthians 9:1-5)

Ready to Discipline (II Corinthians 10:6)

Ready to Witness (Galatians 4:15)

Ready to Fight (Ephesians 6:18)

Ready to Live (Philippians 1:21)

Ready to Think (Philippians 4:1-10)

Ready to Die (II Timothy 4:6-8)

Ready to Work (Titus 3:1)

Conclusion: The problems we face in life will not stop just because we are children of God. In fact, there is evidence that Satan will step up his efforts once we become Christians. It would serve us well to consider the example of the apostles who were willing to say, “Here am I, send me!” Are you ready to be a living witness? Have you shared your story?