

The July CFAMC Devotional Page

I've been known to tell people, "Even if we were on the Titanic, there would be a Godly way to behave"—no defaulting to knocking people down on a mad dash to the lifeboats! God doesn't use that attitude with us... that attitude never would have taken Him to an old rugged cross. If God had that attitude, He would have destroyed the whole universe—who needs a sinking ship or fallen race when you can create a whole new one—instantly? But God doesn't treat us like that, and we are supposed to be getting more and more like Him! We CLAIM to be Christians, so we just can't pick up people and situations and start throwing them away...

Question is, how DO you behave in a sinking-ship situation? Fortunately, God has an answer for that in Acts:

[Acts 27:25: Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.](#)

In Acts 27, the Apostle Paul is standing on a ship that had been in a ferocious storm for three days (ends up being TWO solid weeks). Furthermore, Paul had already told the ship master not to sail out; the Lord had told Him that storm was coming. But, of course, our ears for God's warnings are not always as sharp as they should be... and so Paul and company were in the midst of a storm, and it looked like there was no way out alive! But...

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There is the secret; we must continue to believe God, and, secure in the knowledge that He keeps His promises, continue to serve others He has placed in our circle of influence. They say that on the Titanic, the band stayed and played—supposedly, "Nearer, My God to Thee." Who knows if their stand did not soften some heart, and some Christian who also stayed was able to share the Gospel with that someone so that the North Atlantic was but a passageway to Heaven for some soul whom we shall meet around the throne of God someday? And, for the record, Paul's stand saved the life of everyone on the ship with him. Who knows, today, how God will use our faithfulness, even if it seems the deck of our vessel is developing a definite tilt?

I'm talking to myself as much as I'm writing the Page—not feeling well, dealing with business miscalculations and reversals, phone ringing off the hook from people that want something but have nothing to input... It is just going on, and on, and on, as July turns into August. But that's okay...

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I believe God, that all things shall be just as He promised! And you can believe Him too!