Avoiding The Shipwrecks Of Life

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• READ: Acts 27:13-26
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• **SAIL AT THE RIGHT TIME WITH THE RIGHT WIND**

• The Wind Of God’s Leading Keeps Us Away From Life’s Shipwrecks

• The Wind Of Our Human Desires Leads Us To A Storm
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• (Acts 27:13 NIV) When a gentle south wind began to blow, **they thought they had obtained what they wanted**; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete.

• How Foolish To Think That Our Way Is Better Than God’s Way

• We Must Find Out Where God’s Wind Is Blowing And Go With It
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When We Sail Behind The Wind of God’s Direction:

- We Are Spared From Damage And Loss

(Acts 27:21 NIV) After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss."
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• Listen To The Instruction Of The Lord
  ✓ The Word Of God
  ✓ The Voice Of God
  ✓ The Man Of God

• We Have Opportunity To Have An Audience With God
  ✓ To Know The Will Of God
  ✓ To Be Lead In His Ways
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• (Psa 81:10-14 NIV) I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it. (11) "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. (12) So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. (13) "If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would follow my ways, (14) how quickly would I subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!

☑ To Go With God --We Have To Learn To Listen
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- The Importance Of Listening To God
- It Takes Effort And Energy To Listen
- The Benefits Of Listening Will Always Exceed The Efforts Involved
- Make The Effort To Listen To God
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*How to Hear The Voice Of God To Believers:*

- Stay In The Word
- Stay In The Church
- Don’t Neglect Your Relationship With God
- Don’t Put Other Things Before God
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Whose Wind Are You Going To Sail With?

- The Wind Of Your Own Desire That Wind That Will Lead You To The Storm Of Your Life

  -- OR --

- Will You Sail With The Wind Of God Which Will Lead You To His Abundance And Victory
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The Sad Story Of Madalyn Murray O’Hair

• *Sailing Under The Satanically Inspired Wind Of Her Own Desire*

• A Wind That Led Her Into A Storm From Which She Could Not Recover
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In Order To Sail Behind The Right Wind

☑ Go When Go Says Go

☑ Stop When God Says Stop
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• Paul Made It Through The Storm
• Listening To God’s Voice
• Following God’s Wind of Direction

• We Must Do The Same!
  ✓ Listen
  ✓ Follow
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• Throughout The Storm -- We Must Seek God’s Guidance; Not Man’s Advice

• “Men Give Advice, God Gives Guidance.”
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LESSONS ON GOD’S GUIDANCE IN THE STORM

1. When The Storms Are Raging—Drop Your Anchor

2. The Ship Was Caught By The Winds Of The Storm

3. The Ship Was Driven Along In The Storm

4. The Ship Had To Be Lightened Of It’s Cargo

5. The Ship Was Broken To Pieces On The Rocks
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• Even In The Storm Of Our Lives We Can Keep The Right Faith Attitude -- Keep Our Courage & Keep Our Hope

• We Look Back And Remember What God Has Done

• We Think Back And Remember What God Has Said
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• *The Need That Everyone = An Anchor*

• *An Anchor Of Hope And Courage*

• **Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)** (19) *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*