GOD WITH US:

In The Storm

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You're not alone. He's with you through the pain. He comforts you in the waiting.

When you're anxious about your future, He gives you courage. As you climb the mountain, He keeps you safe in His arms. In every moment, we have God With Us.

Does the struggle in the *storms of life* make your faith waver? In Week 3 of God With Us, we learn how we can trust God in the middle of *the Storm*.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). – Matthew 1:23

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Questions:

- What's a major storm you've experienced in your life? How has it changed the way you relate to God?
- Pastor Augie said, "Peace isn't found in the absence of a storm. Peace is found in the presence of God." What are some ways you try to find false peace? How will you seek God's presence instead?

Action:

- Who do you know who is going through a storm? How can you show them God's love this week?
- $\circ\,$ Look for the ways God was with you during a stormy season in your life. Then thank Him for it in prayer and worship this week.

Memory Verse: "I know the Lord is always <u>with me</u>. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me." – Psalm 16:8, NLT

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We may enjoy God on the mountaintops, but we get to know him intimately in the valleys.



Your deepest need becomes a gift when it drives you to depend on God.



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After they 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.







"©2011-2020 Mission Bible Class, used by permission" https://missionbibleclass.org/n ew-testament/part2/acts-paulthe-prisoner-spreads-thegospel-from-jerusalem-torome/pauls-shipwreck/ But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me...





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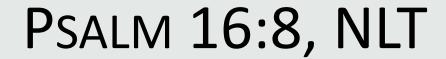
Everyone deserted me... But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength.





I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.







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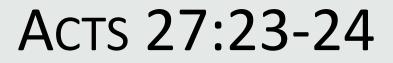
"in this world you will have trouble. But take heart because I have overcome the world."





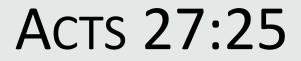
Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.





So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.



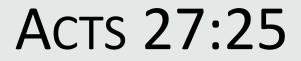




My faith is not in what I see ... My faith is in what God says.

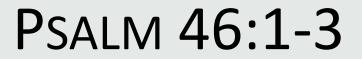
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God is our refuge and strength, an everpresent help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.







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