

The Last Thing God Said -- Part I

Text: Acts 27:20-25, 41-44

Introduction: Paul was in a dire situation—aboard a damaged ship in the middle of a raging storm.

- **Verse 20:** “All hope that we would be saved was finally **given up**.” (Emphasis added).

Greek imperfect passive voice: For a time, circumstances stripped away all expectation of deliverance.

Despite the chaos, Paul held on to the **last thing God said**, not to what was most recent or visible.

God had promised: though the ship would be lost, **no lives would perish**, and Paul would still stand before Caesar (Acts 27:22–24). That **divine word** became his anchor in the **damage** from the storm.

- **Verse 25:** “For I believe God. It will be just as he **said**.” (NLT, emphasis added).

Greek perfect passive: What God said in the past still held power and continued to influence Paul in the present. His faith rested on God’s word, not the deteriorating circumstances. The shipwreck did not cancel or contradict God’s promise. What happened (the wreck) **was subordinate to the last thing was said** (the word from God).

Key reflection: Events after a divine promise do not redefine or overrule what God has spoken.

The wreckage, chaos, and deterioration are not final. They cannot be based on what God last said.

1. Consider (think—make long term memory) v. 41ff: Circumstances often **intensify** after a promise is given.

- God’s voice brings peace to your mind before it brings change to your circumstances.
 - Abraham’s and Sarah’s bodies **continued aging** after the promise.
 - Paul’s ship didn’t recover—it was completely wrecked.
- The **last thing God said remains final**, no matter how things appear.
- In verses 41 and 44, even broken pieces were under authority of God’s word and used to fulfill it—verse 25.

2. Commit to:

- Hold on to the last thing God said—even in the storm.
- Silence circumstantial voices that try to redefine God’s promise.
- Retune your heart to God’s voice when chaos tries to take over.

Like Paul, trust: “**It will be exactly as it was told to me.**”

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- **Reflection: What was the last thing God said to you?** That word must remain your authority. What happens between the promise and fulfillment must never override the promise itself.

3. Concluding convictions:

- Nothing that happens after the promise is more powerful than the promise.
- Circumstantial voices must not dominate your spiritual focus.
- When they try to hijack your frequency, pause and retune to God’s voice.
- His word is stronger than the storm—and any challenge that follows.
- Storms cannot weaken the word, but like with Abraham, they can strengthen you, just you remain in faith.

Let God’s last word be your anchor, authority, and final word—especially when everything else says otherwise. “I believe God, that it will be just as it was told to me.”

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