

Five-Day Devotional: The Last Thing God Said August 11-15, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration The Last Thing God Said—Based on Acts 27:20–25

Introduction: Paul found himself in a dire situation—aboard a damaged ship, caught in the middle of a raging storm. At times, we too encounter storms in life that leave us feeling helpless and adrift. The account of Paul's experience offers unique insight and encouragement for us today. We are so thankful that the Holy Spirit continues to speak through the Scriptures, bringing comfort, guidance, and hope when we need it most.

Blessings,
Pastor Fryar
Note to reader: The objective of the Five-day Devotionals is to encourage us to become more

influenced by God's character, above any circumstance. This is highlighted through use of scripture

references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1: The Anchor in the Storm

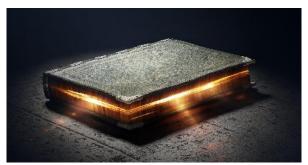
Scripture: *Acts* 27:20 – "All hope that we would be saved was finally given up."

Reflection: Paul faced a literal storm that mirrored inner chaos. In the imperfect passive voice of the Greek, we see that hope wasn't lost instantly—it was gradually stripped away. But Paul did not place his hope in visible circumstances. He held tightly to **the last thing God said**—a divine promise that though the ship would be lost, no life would perish, and he would still stand before Caesar (Acts 27:22–24).

Application:

- What are you clinging to when storms hit?
- What has God promised that you have let the storm overshadow?

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, help me recapture the last thing you said and trust it even when surrounding circumstances seem to contradict it.



Day 2: What Was Said Still Stands

Scripture: *Acts* 27:25 – "For I believe God. It will be just as he said." (NLT)

Reflection: The Greek perfect passive tense here reveals something powerful: what God said in the past **still holds power** and continues to shape the present. Paul's faith wasn't shaken by the deteriorating ship because **God's word remained unchanged**. The wreck was real, but it was still subject to the promise.

Key Thought: Events after a divine promise do not redefine what God has spoken. The chaos cannot cancel the word.

Application:

- Rehearse the last thing God said to you.
- Are you letting recent events distort or challenge it?

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, help me renew my mind and strengthen my heart in the sustaining power of your word. I declare over every situation: *I believe it will be like God said. His grace is sufficient, --II Cor.12:9.*



Day 3: When Things Get Worse After the Word

Scripture: *Acts* 27:41–44--"...but the centurion...commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest on some on boards and some on broken pieces of the ship..."

Reflection: It often gets worse **after** the promise. Abraham and Sarah aged more before Isaac came. Paul's ship didn't recover—it completely wrecked. But even the **broken pieces** were under the authority of God's word, used to fulfill His promise (v. 25).

• God's voice first calms your mind, not always your situation. Peace comes before circumstantial change.

Application:

- Can you see how God might be using even brokenness to move you toward His word?
- What broken pieces are you dismissing that God might be using?

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, help me trust Your process—even when things breakdown, show me Your hand in the broken pieces.



Day 4: Retune to the Voice of God

Scripture: *Acts* 27:25 – "It will be just as it was told me."

Reflection: Circumstantial voices are loud—they try to redefine God's promise. Like Paul, we must **hold on to the last thing God said**, silence the storm's noise, and **retune our hearts** to God's voice.

• What happens between the promise and fulfillment must not override the promise itself.

Application:

- What voices are trying to steal your focus?
- What spiritual disciplines help you retune your heart to God?

Prayer Focus: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you shut out false narratives and remain anchored to the truth God has spoken over your life.



Day 5: The Final Word is His

Scripture: Romans 4:20 (Reference to Abraham) – "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith..."

Reflection: Storms don't weaken God's word—they can **strengthen us** if we stay in faith. After the promise, things may fall apart, but nothing that happens afterward is more powerful than what God has said. The storm may roar, but **His word remains final**.

Closing Convictions:

- Let God's last word be your anchor, authority, and final word.
- Circumstances may change. His voice does not.
- Trust like Paul: "It will be exactly as it was told to me."

Application:

- Write down what God last said to you and place it where you can see it daily.
- Speak it over yourself until your faith aligns with His promise.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, I honor Your Name and thank You for enlarging my spiritual heart to believe and declare: "I believe it will be just as it was told to me."