

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AFRAID?

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INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“And when neither sun nor stars shone upon us for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was now taken away.”* Acts 27:20-25.
- B. SETTING:
1. In the midst of a terrible storm.
 2. Been going on for days.
 3. Lost No way of knowing where they were..
 4. Lost...No way of knowing where they were.
 5. Ship is beginning to sink.
- C. At this time and under these circumstances...told to be of “good cheer.”
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BE OF GOOD CHEER

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- A. MEANING OF THE TERM:
1. From Greek...carries the idea of courage.
 2. Many translations in most places translates the word as “courage”.
- B. IT CAN ALSO MEAN:
1. Comfort.
 2. Confident.
- C. The idea is; That God gives us reason for courage, confidence, or Comfort - Regardless of the circumstances.
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BLESSED..WHO TRUST

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- A. The “word “blessed” in all its forms, appears almost 400 times in English Bible. It is translation of a Hebrew and Greek word rendered “fortunate”, “happy”, or “blessed”.
- B. Some Biblical passages make their meaning more meaningful.
1. Psalms 84:4a “Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.”
 - a. Dwelling in the house of God brings happiness.
 - b. Gladness came to David when he went into the house of God.
 2. Psalms 2;12 “who put their trust in Him”
 - a. Word **trust** occurs 130 times in English Bible.
 - b. “To trust, to be confident, have courage or confidence.
 - c. Jer. 17:7 “Blessed is the man who trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is.”
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What Is It To Trust In God

- A. "Commit thy way unto Jehovah (Psalm 37:5a)
 - B. "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart and lean not upon thine own understanding ' (Prov. 3:5b).
 - C. Those who place their trust in God commit their ways unto Him.
 - 1. They see that God has His way in their lives.
 - 2. They know that it is not in man to direct his own steps.
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Some Uses Of The Term

- A. Acts 23:11 "Be of good cheer"
 - 1. Paul barely escapes death at hands of the Jews.
 - 2. Arrested and held in the castle by the chief captain.
 - B. Matt. 9:2; 27 "The sick and the blind"
 - 1. Confidence and courage in the presence of Jesus.
 - 2. His power to cure physical body
 - 3. Tells us also of His power to cleanse the soul.
 - C. Matt. 14:27 Jesus comes walking on the water...
 - 1. Put yourself in their place and understand their fear.
 - 2. "It is I"
 - 3. Why are ye fearful?
 - D. John 16:33 "I have over come the world"
 - 1. "In the world ye have tribulation"
 - 2. "But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"
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I BELIEVE GOD

- A. Where and How do we "be of good cheer" Get the Courage and Confidence spoken of?
 - 1. We get it in the same way Paul did.
 - 2. "*Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me*" v. 25.
- B. "I BELIEVE GOD"
 - 1. About salvation. (H.B.R.C.B.)
 - 2. About His care (Heb. 13:5,6)
 - 3. About His resurrection (I Cor. 15)
 - 4. About the Judgment (Acts 17:31)
 - 5. About Heaven and Hell (Matt. 24)

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C. NO PART WAY TRUST!

1. We either trust Godcommit ourselves to Him or trust something else.
 1. Can't trust God...up to a point and then take over. Or trust ourselves up to a point then want God to take over. It is all or nothing.
 - b; Heb. 11:6...GOD IS...OR GOD ISN'Tin our lives.
 2. Can't say I trust God...then refuse to follow Him.
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CONCLUSION

- A. Are you cheerful....of good courage?
 - B. Is your trust in God? "I know whom I have believe....("Trust and Obey")
From the invitation song. No other way to happy... "of good cheer"
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Do You Really Trust In God??? **Would You Cut The Ropes?** Let your life boats fall away and just trust God. (v. 32)