

God With Us Part 3: Fear No Evil

(Matthew 1:23 NLT) "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**, which means '**God is with us.**'"

In The Storm

(Acts 27:20 NIV) "When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally **gave up all hope** of being saved."

✓ **We give up hope.**

(Acts 27:21 NIV) "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."

✓ **We beat ourselves up.**

(Acts 27:22 NIV) "But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; **only the ship will be destroyed.**"

✓ **We count and recount our losses.**

Fear No Evil

(Psalm 23:4 ESV) "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil.**"

1. God is with me in the storm.

(Acts 27:22-23 NIV) "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.**"

Never let the presence of a storm cause you to doubt the presence of God.

(2 Tim 4:16-17 NIV) Paul told Timothy... "Everyone deserted me... But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength."

(Psalm 16:8 NLT) "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me."

2. I choose courage over fear.

(Acts 27:23-25 NLT) "Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, and he said, '**Don't be afraid**, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' **So take courage! For I believe God.** It will be just as he said."

(Psalm 46:1-3 GNT) "God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. **So we will not be afraid**, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths; even if the seas roar and rage, and the hills are shaken by the violence."

3. God will use what I learn in this storm to help someone through theirs.

(Acts 27:33-35 ESV) "As day was about to dawn, **Paul urged them** all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. Therefore **I urge you** to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat."

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