

## **NEVER LOSE HOPE**

July 26, 2020 Acts 27:13-38

“In the eye of the storm...when the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet between the black skies and my red eyes I can barely see...” The storm is a hurricane. It is strong. It is dangerous. **Where can you find hope in the storm?**

### **1. You try everything to hold it all together!**

- We were driven by the storm. 27:15 Luke is one of the 276 people on board.
- We barely got the lifeboat secure. 27:16
- Ropes were put under the ship to try and hold it together. 27:17
- A sea anchor was put out and then cargo was thrown overboard. 27:18
- All hope was lost. 27:20 14 days of battering with no sun nor stars in sight.

### **2. Finding hope in the storm**

- Why didn't you listen to God's warnings? 27:21
- Paul gives encouragement. Who will you encourage today? It takes courage to face your fears and faith to believe God's promises. 27:22
- Paul knew that he belonged to God and served God. 27:23 Do you?
- **“Do not be afraid, Paul...God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.”** 27:24 It was in answer to Paul's prayers.
- **“For I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”** 27:25
- You need to eat something. 27:33 Like God said to Elijah.
- No matter how battered and weak you are. Remember, “but God.”
- **Jesus is our hope. Hope is a person. Never lose hope.**