	The Bad Decision to Sail from Fair Havens (Acts 27:5-20)
	Paul warned against continuing (27:10), but the centurion followed the advice of the experts and the majority (27:11-12).
I.	INSIGHT (presupposition)
	Paul's advice was based on the difficult sailing and the callender (27:9) - not revelation (27:21-26).
	The advice of others was mainly based on the fact that Phoenix had a better harbor (27:12).
D.	DETAILS
	Harbor details about Phoenix are given in 27:12 and are some of many details in 27:12-17.
	We know that it was only about 40 miles (65 km.) away.
	Wind details:
	a.) The deceptive gentle south wind (27:13) played a key role in the bad decision.
	b.) Euroclydon (27:14), the well-known potential storm problem was largely ignored.
	They did not have detailed weather information, but they knew about the seasonal potential.
E.	ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM
	The enthusiasm for changing harbors involved hope.
	They had hope that they could get to Phoenix. (In the great storm, they lost all hope, 27:20.)
	They believed in their ability. — This is implied in 27:11 and the conditional phrase in 27:12.
A.	ASSURANCE
	False assurance came through the gentile south wind (27:13).
	applications:
	1.) Gather as much relevant data as possible and practical before making a decision.
	2.) Do not overlook important negative details because of wishful thinking.
	3.) Do not reject Paul's apostolic teaching. Believe it. Apply it. Teach it.
	The Good Decision to Spare the Prisoners (Acts 27:39-44)
	The soldiers wished to kill all prisoners lest any escape (27:42), but the centurion opposed this for Paul's sake (27:43).
I.	INSIGHT (presupposition)
	The soldiers' selfish insight: they feared for their own lives if a prisoner escaped.
	The centurion saw that Paul had been right (27:21-26) and had helped them (27:31-32).
	So there was disagreement about this decision, just as there had been about the earlier one.
D.	DETAILS
	Swimming abilities varied Some could swim; others could not (27:43-44).
	How they all escaped to land is mentioned in detail (27:43-44).
E.	ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM
	Everyone wanted to live. (Life or death situations are highly motivating.)
A.	ASSURANCE
	Paul had assurance through God's promises (27:22-26).
	applications:
	1.) Do what you believe is right rather than give in to group pressure.
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