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EPISODE GUIDE

EPISODE 29:

You Think You Did Something Wrong.. You Didn't.. Sometimes It Takes the Storm

At some point life hands you a season nobody prepared you for. A diagnosis, a betrayal, a layoff, a prodigal, a marriage taking on water. And when it hits, it is easy to believe you must have done something wrong to deserve it.

In this first episode of a three-part series through Acts 27, Apostle Raley walks through Paul's voyage into the storm called Euroclydon. Here's the foundation: the struggle does not change God, but it will change you, and you get to choose which way. Sometimes it takes the storm to push you toward your destiny.

THE STORM DOES NOT CHANGE GOD

Acts 27:14

"A tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon."

The sailors set out under a soft south wind, supposing they had obtained their desire. Not long after, the storm hit, and they had done nothing wrong to cause it.

The struggle does not change God. He is the same in the storm as He was in the sunshine. But the struggle will change you, and you get to choose which way.

KEEP THE KLUDON ON THE OUTSIDE

James 1:6

"The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind."

The storm's name, Euroclydon, carries the word kludon, a violent surge of water. That same surge shows up in Luke 8 when Jesus rebukes the raging water, and here in James when a doubting heart is tossed.

A storm around you only becomes dangerous when it gets inside you. Guard your heart and keep the waves on the outside of the boat.

WHEN YOU LOSE YOUR BEARINGS

Acts 27:20

"When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days… all hope was given up."

Sailors found their way by the sun and the stars. When both disappeared, they lost every point of reference and even gave up hope. The Bible tells the truth about that season.

The bottom of their hope was not the bottom of God's plan. If you have lost your bearings, hold on. He has not lost track of where your ship is going.

WE LET HER DRIVE

Acts 27:15

"The ship could not head into the wind, so we let her drive."

There are seasons you cannot steer, cannot fix, and cannot plan your way out of. The sailors stopped fighting it and let the wind carry them.

Sometimes all you can do is hold on and trust that the God who controls the wind knows where He is carrying you.

THERE IS DIRECTION IN REJECTION

2 Timothy 4:16

“At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me.”

Paul was a misfit, questioned even by believers, and near the end he was deserted. Joseph, David, Moses, and Jesus Himself all endured seasons of not fitting in.

The rejection of people does not cancel the selection of God. Often the door that slammed was Him redirecting your feet. Let the storm push you toward your destiny.

THIS WEEK'S MOMENT

Name the storm honestly, and let God steady you in the middle of it.

Ask:

- What storm am I tempted to pretend is not there?
- Where have I let the waves get on the inside of me?
- Where am I shaving off pieces of myself to fit in?

Then:

- Name your storm and be honest with God about it
- Guard your heart and turn the Word up louder than the noise
- Thank God that He is the same in the storm as in the sunshine
- Reframe your rejection as possible direction
- Ask God where you truly belong, and go be a misfit until you get there
- Trust that the storm is pushing you toward your destiny

Pray:

"Father, thank You that You do not change in my storm. Steady my heart and keep the waves on the outside. Use even this to reveal me, refine me, and relocate me. Help me stop shrinking to fit where I do not belong, and give me courage to be a misfit until I arrive where You have called me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Remember:

- The storm does not change my God.
- The storm will change me, and I choose better.
- I will not let the waves get inside of me.
- The rejection of people does not cancel the selection of God.
- Sometimes it takes the storm to reach my destiny.
- As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.