

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 1 Timothy 1: 18 – 19

Avoiding Shipwreck By: Dr. Charles Stanley

Paul understood what it was to be shipwrecked – to experience such a long and terrible buffeting by a storm that the ship you're on comes apart beneath you. You're left floating in the turbulent waters, wondering if you'll survive or be dashed against the rocks.

Of course, Paul's was a literal storm and ship. However, he understood that many believers have faced similar circumstances in their walks with God. They encounter tempests, and instead of trusting the Lord through them, they turn to their own means of riding out the trials – whether it's through addictive substances or any number of sins. Deep inside they know they're not honoring God, and eventually the storms shake apart their security – leaving them to sink between the swelling tides.

Friend, if you're tempted to compromise God's principles because of a hurricane of adversity that's developed in your life – don't. You risk running aground spiritually. Any other ship will fail you. But this storm has arisen to strengthen your faith in Christ. So do not abandon your Savior – stay with Him.

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