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How Life's Storms Shift Us Into God's Purpose!

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Acts 27: The Apostle Paul was a prisoner in chains on a ship heading to Rome when it was violently destroyed by a fierce storm, landing him on the tiny island of Malta. Fear set in, and they began to throw all their cargo overboard. He had warned the Roman centurion and the ship's captain not to sail because a dangerous storm season had arrived, but they did not listen.

Often, we think we are out of the will of God because of the winds, storms, and waves, but Paul was right where God wanted him.

There are times God takes us off course to get us on His perfect path, and God will always have the final say. While these disruptions feel like setbacks, history and biblical scripture suggest they are often course corrections. This is a powerful blueprint for how a spiritual storm can shift our direction to fulfill a greater purpose.

Acts 27:22-24, Paul's words to a terrified crew: "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 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'"

Acts 28:1-2: "Once safely onshore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness." The storm did not break Paul's purpose; it built his platform. Yet what looked like a complete disaster actually was God's perfect positioning. On that island, God immediately began to work, and the purpose unfolded. The chief official of the island, Publius, welcomed them into his home. Paul prayed for Publius' sick father, and he was instantly healed. Soon, everyone on the island who was sick came to Paul and was cured.

What we need to understand about God's purpose: The wreckage of our own plans is actually the beginning of a fresh move of God. When a season shifts unexpectedly, you have not been abandoned; you have been redirected.

Your current "Malta," the unexpected place you land, is exactly where God wants you!