# UNSTOPPABLE

## Steady in the Shipwreck

### November 15, 2026

**Main Objective:**
To help us understand that God doesn't always calm the storms of life immediately, but He does offer us peace in the middle of them. When life feels out of control, we can find peace by trusting God's presence, believing His promises, obeying His wisdom, and resting in His deliverance.

**Keep In Mind:**
The goal is **NOT** to try and get through all the questions, but to have a meaningful discussion. Go through the questions ahead of time and think about which ones will spark the most conversation with those in your group.

# ICE BREAKERS

- When you hear the word *peace*, what comes to mind? What does a peaceful day or situation look like to you?
- Have you ever experienced a time when everything around you seemed out of control, but somehow you had an unusual sense of peace? What helped you experience that peace?

# READ ACTS 27:13–20

**SAY THIS:**
Paul's journey begins with what appears to be favorable conditions. A gentle south wind gives the sailors confidence, but before long, a violent storm takes control of the ship. The crew loses control, throws cargo overboard, and eventually loses hope.

**ASK THIS:**

- What are some things in life that tend to steal your peace?
- When life gets difficult or circumstances feel out of control, how do you typically respond?”

# READ ACTS 27:21–26

**SAY THIS:**
After many days in the storm, Paul stands up and encourages everyone aboard. His confidence isn't based on what he sees around him, but on what God has told him. The storm hasn't gone away, but God's promise gives Paul peace and confidence.

**ASK THIS:**

- What stands out to you about Paul's attitude and confidence while everyone else is losing hope?
- Verse 25 says, "So take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me." What do you think it means to trust God's promises when your circumstances seem to say otherwise?
- When you're going through a difficult season, what helps you keep God's truth louder than your fears?

# READ ACTS 27:27–32

**SAY THIS:**
As the ship approaches land, some of the sailors attempt to escape in the lifeboat. Paul warns that everyone must stay with the ship. God's promise of protection doesn't mean they can ignore what needs to be done. Their faith must be accompanied by obedience.

**ASK THIS:**

- Why is it important to remember that trusting God doesn't mean sitting back and doing nothing?
- When life gets difficult, what are some unhealthy ways people try to escape or avoid the situation rather than trusting God and doing the next right thing?
- “What is one thing God might be asking you to do, even in the middle of the circumstances you're facing?”

# READ ACTS 27:33–38

**SAY THIS:**
After fourteen days of uncertainty, Paul encourages everyone to eat. He takes bread, gives thanks to God in front of everyone, and begins to eat. Even though they are still in the middle of the storm, Paul demonstrates gratitude and encourages those around him.

**ASK THIS:**

- Why do you think Paul chose to give thanks to God before the storm was over?
- Why can gratitude be difficult when we're going through a challenging season?
- What is one thing you can thank God for even when everything isn't going the way you hoped?

# READ ACTS 27:39–44

**SAY THIS:**
Eventually, the ship runs aground and begins to break apart. The ship is lost, but every person makes it safely to shore, just as God promised. God's promise didn't require the ship to survive; it required God to be faithful.

**ASK THIS:**

- What do you learn about God's faithfulness from the fact that the ship was destroyed, but everyone survived?
- Have you ever experienced a situation where things didn't turn out the way you wanted, but looking back, you could see God's faithfulness in the middle of it?
- How does it change your perspective to know that God's faithfulness isn't dependent on everything in your life going according to plan?

# TAKE A STEP

The sermon challenged us to consider: **What have you allowed to take away your peace? Are you actually doing the things you need to do to maintain peace?**

- Are there spiritual practices you need to strengthen in your life to help you remain anchored in God? (Prayer, Scripture, worship, gratitude, etc.)
- What is one practical thing you can begin doing this week to help you experience God's peace, even if your circumstances don't immediately change?

**Complete this sentence:**

"This week, I want to protect my peace by _____."

# PRAY THIS

Father, thank You that we don't have to face the storms of life alone. Help us trust Your presence when circumstances are difficult, believe Your promises when fear takes over, and obey Your wisdom when we don't know what to do. Teach us to be grateful even before the storm passes. Help us remember that our peace comes from You, not from everything going according to our plans. Amen.