

## “Anchored In The Storm”

Pastor Sam Smucker — July 25, 2021

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Acts 27:20, 27-29

1. Our faith in God.

*Galatians 2:20 (NKJV); Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 8:17b*

*1 Peter 2:24b (NKJV); 2 Corinthians 4:5-9; 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV)*

2. Choosing the right seat to sit in.

*Ephesians 2:4-6*

An eagle soars above the storm clouds to successfully navigate the storm. He allows the storm to take him higher.

*Psalms 3:3 (NKJV)*

3. The power twins – patience and joy.

*James 1:2-5*

4. Worship and servicing others.

*Psalms 118:24; Mark 4:35-41*

*All scriptures are from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.*

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Consider:

With the Holy Spirit living in us and God being on our side, we can be strong in the storms that come our way.

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ During difficult times, is it easier to be thankful and pray or to complain? What is your first response to difficult times?
- ▶ In the middle of a storm, we can rely on our faith in God by believing and speaking scripture. Share some verses that help you stay strong in the storm.
- ▶ God’s word is alive and powerful! Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-9 (NLT). Which part of these verses speaks to you the most today?
- ▶ Pastor Sam spoke about patience, joy, and wisdom. Read James 1:2-4. How can all 3 work together when troubles come our way?

### Commit:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Meditate on the lyrics to the “Promises” song:

*I put my faith in Jesus*

*My anchor to the ground*

*My hope and firm foundation*

*He’ll never let me down*

Take a moment to speak these truths into your situation and into other’s situations that come to mind.

### Care:

Pray for the people in your Group who are going through a storm right now, and pray for the storms in our nation. Ask God to give us wisdom in every situation as we put our faith and trust in Him.

*Fill in the blank key: faith; choosing; patience, joy; servicing others*