

STORY: HONEYMOON

But just because that's their reality - doesn't mean it has to be ours
As followers of Jesus we have a built in **CONFIDENCE BOOSTER**
While the world, your storms & life may be busy telling you "you can't," GOD SAYS YOU CAN

ONE OF THE MOST CONFIDENCE BOOSTING SCRIPTURES I'VE EVER READ SAYS:

Romans 8:31

If God is for us, who can be against us?

I believe the word God has for you this morning is:
(TITLE OF MESSAGE:) IT'S NOT OVER YET

CONFIDENCE KILLERS

Sometimes things happen in life that totally kill our confidence
It helps us to identify what those confidence killers are for us personally

#1 FAILURE

#2 UNCERTAINTY

#3 FEAR

When we find ourselves standing up against a wall of CONFIDENCE KILLERS
It's time to look for some CONFIDENCE BOOSTERS that can give us a leg up in
life

STORY: BOOSTER SHOT

GUYS IN THE BIBLE WHO LOST THEIR CONFIDENCE

Find themselves in a storm on a ship
Facing every kind of confidence killer there was: failure, uncertainty, fear, loneliness

Acts 27:14-20 (NIV)

Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by **the storm** and could not head into the wind; so **we gave way to it and were driven along**. As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed **ropes under the ship itself to hold it together**. Because they were

afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. We took such a **violent battering** from the storm that the next day they began to **throw the cargo overboard**. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and **the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.**

PAUL IS ON A SHIP THAT IS BEING OVERTAKEN BY A STORM

SUMMARY OF THEIR EXPERIENCE

**You may hear this story and think that doesn't sound like a ship at all,
IT SOUNDS LIKE MY LIFE**

ALL HOPE OF BEING SAVED, LOST SURRENDERED TO THE STORM

**Then Paul stands up and says,
"Men, when you SURRENDER to JESUS you don't have
to SURRENDER to the STORM"**

**No matter how dark or loud the STORM you're facing is, you can be CONFIDENT
that JESUS SAYS,
"IT'S NOT OVER YET"**

Acts 27: 21-25

After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now 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.' So keep up your courage, men, for **I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.**

3 THINGS THAT CAN HELP RESTORE YOUR CONFIDENCE

#1 RESIST & REJECT FEAR

"KEEP UP YOUR COURAGE... DO NOT BE AFRAID"

Confidence doesn't grow in a flower bed that's watered with fear

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

STORY: Crazy Uncle Les - On a sinking ship

When the ship is sinking you have three choices:

#1 - You can sleep through it

#2 - You can FREAK OUT

#3 - YOU CAN TRUST YOUR DAD TO DO WHAT HE DOES BEST

Often times our fear prone response works against us instead of for us.

#2 REMEMBER GOD ALWAYS FINISHES WHAT HE STARTS

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Being **confident** of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

#3 REFUSE TO QUIT

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us **hold fast our confession**. Let us draw near to the throne of grace with **confidence**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to **help in time of need**.

CLOSING

STORY: TRAVIS - LIVER FAILURE

YES PRAYER
