

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Matthew 9:29 (NIV)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will look for lessons in my problems

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How to Develop a Stronger Faith: *How God Uses Dead-End Situations to Build Your Faith*

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HOW TO DEVELOP A STRONGER FAITH

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MEMORY VERSE: *Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you."*
Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." **John 16:33 (NIV)**

HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULTY ACTS 27

I. DETERMINE THE _____.

ASK: _____ CAUSED THIS?

"When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny." **Psalm 73:16-17 (NIV)**

3 COMMON MISTAKES

1. WE LISTEN TO BAD _____.

"But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship."
Acts 27:11 (NIV)

HOW GOD USES DIFFICULTIES TO BUILD YOUR FAITH

2. WE FOLLOW THE _____.

"Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there.

This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest."

Acts 27:12 (NIV)

3. WE RELY ON _____.

"When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete."

Acts 27:13 (NIV)

II. DETERMINE THE _____.

**ASK: WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO _____
FROM THIS DIFFICULTY?**

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." **2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)**

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." **Romans 5:3–4 (NLT)**

III. DETERMINE MY _____.

**ASK: HOW SHOULD I _____ TO DIFFICULT
SITUATIONS?**

WRONG RESPONSES

➤ **TO _____**

"The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along." **Acts 27:15 (NIV)**

➤ **TO _____**

"We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard." **Acts 27:18 (NIV)**

➤ **TO _____**

"When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved."

Acts 27:20 (NIV)

THE RIGHT RESPONSES

➤ **CONFESS MY _____**

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." **Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)**

➤ **CLAIM A _____**

"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." **Acts 27:22–25 (NIV)**

➤ **DO WHAT YOU _____**

"Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head. After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat." **Acts 27:34–35 (NIV)**

ALLOW DIFFICULTIES TO _____ YOU.