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Acts 27:35, “And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.”

Faith. This quality is essential to our lives as believers. Scripture says without faith it is impossible to please God. We are saved by grace through faith. Christ states that if we have faith the size of a mustard seed, we could move mountains! Yet, do we understand what faith looks like in our daily lives?

Life gets complicated. We feel the pressure of its demands on all sides, often to the point of overwhelming us. Some days it seems as if the world is crashing down on top of us. What is the life of faith in this?

In our passage from the book of Acts, Paul and his companions are in a ship on the sea. They have been tossed in a severe storm for two weeks. If you have ever been on the water in a storm, it can be a terrifying experience. This particular one was so severe that the experienced sailors had pretty well given up hope!

Paul, in the middle of the sea, acted in faith. Not only did he speak words of comfort, but calmly sat down and ate, in a ship being blown about by this severe storm! What a demonstration of “the peace that passes all understanding!”

Real faith does not wait for the resolution of the problem to act, but behaves as if the problem is already resolved. “God is faithful,” is the battle cry of the believer who exercises faith. It is knowing the peace of confidence that our kind and caring God will take care of His child, even—no, especially when the circumstances seem to warrant worry.