

## HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULTY

Created to Dream: The 6 Phases God Uses to Grow Your Faith  
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(Jesus) *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*  
John 16:33

(Paul) *"In everything we do we show that we are God's servants, by enduring troubles, hardships and difficulties with great patience."* 2 Corinthians 6:4 (GNT)

### How to Deal with Difficulty Acts 27

#### 1. DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I tried to think this problem through but it was too difficult for me until I went into your Temple."* Psalm 73:16-17 (GNT)

#### Common Mistakes

- **We listen to** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"they followed the advice of the pilot"* (vs. 11)
- **We follow** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"the majority decided that we should sail"* (vs 12)
- **We rely on** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted"* (vs 13)

#### 2. DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

*"These little troubles, which are temporary, are winning for us a permanent, glorious and solid reward all out of proportion to our pain."* 2 Corinthians 4:17

*"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials for we know . . . they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time"* Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

#### 3. DETERMINE \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Wrong Responses

##### "To Drift"

*"so we gave way to it and were driven along."* (vs 15)

##### "To Discard:"

*"they began to throw the cargo overboard"* (vs 18)

##### "To Despair"

*"we finally gave up all hope of being saved."* (vs 20)

#### THE RIGHT RESPONSE

- **CONFESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
*"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance."*  
Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)
- **CONFRONT** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs 34-40)
- **CLAIM** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs 22-25)

#### Next Steps

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