

Nobody Requests a Shipwreck

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Lessons on Transition and Loss from Paul

1. Steve Norman shares three biblical stories about stormy seas. When have you been caught by an unexpected storm, either on land or at sea?
2. Norman says that the Apostle Paul was at an advantage during this shipwreck—because he'd received a word from God on how things would end. Would you have wanted to know the end result of a season of loss or change in your life, or do you think it's sometimes better not to know what is coming?
3. Author Mark Labberton is credited with describing us as living either in exodus or exile. Which metaphor better describes how you tend to feel in the midst of transition?
4. Norman candidly shares the experience of when his "ship" sank. What part of his journey can you most relate to?
5. Do you find it difficult or hopeful to hear, "God doesn't promise us a wrinkle-free journey. He promises to bring us to places to be hope and light to the world"?