

The background of the image is a light gray, featuring a repeating pattern of stylized, geometric arrows. These arrows are arranged in a radial pattern, all pointing towards the center of the image. The arrows are rendered in various colors, including shades of red, pink, purple, blue, and teal, creating a vibrant and dynamic visual effect.

GOD *With* **US**



“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”

Matthew 1:21-23 ESV





Storms:

Difficult times that blow
up out of nowhere.





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storm cause you to doubt
the presence of God.



Apostle Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey 60 - 63 A.D.

This map illustrates the route of Apostle Paul's fourth missionary journey. The journey begins in Jerusalem, marked with a star. The route follows the coast of Syria and Phoenicia, passing through Sidon, Tyre, and Ptolemais (Antipatris) to Caesarea. From Caesarea, the journey continues to Cyprus, then to the island of Rhodes, and then to the mainland at Myra. From Myra, the route goes to Patmos, then to the island of Crete, where it stops at Salmone, Fair Havens, and Lasea. A note indicates that storms caused the ship to lose control and wander for two weeks in the Mediterranean Sea. The journey then continues to Sicily, stopping at Rhegium and Syracuse, before reaching Puteoli. From Puteoli, the route goes to Rome, passing through the Three Taverns and the Appii Forum. The map also shows the surrounding regions of Italia, Illyricum, Macedonia, Thrace, Bithynia, Asia, Phrygia, Pisidia, Galatia, Cappadocia, Cilicia, Pamphylia, Syria, Phoenicia, Arabia, Moesia, and Pontus. Key cities and locations marked include Rome, Three Taverns, Appii Forum, Puteoli, Rhegium, Syracuse, Sicily, Malta, Crete, Salmone, Fair Havens, Lasea, Rhodes, Patmos, Ephesus, Miletus, Colossae, Myra, Tarsus, Antioch, Iconium, and Jerusalem. A compass rose is located in the bottom right corner.

★ Location where Missionary Journey Begins
 → Apostle Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey

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“Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land...”






“And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. And 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 no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.”

Acts 27:9-20 ESV






“Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss.”

Acts 27:21 ESV





“Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship..”

Acts 27:22-23 ESV





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“At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

2 Timothy 4:16-17 ESV (Paul told Timothy)

“I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.”

Psalms 16:8 ESV (David)





“For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’”

Acts 27:23-24 ESV





“So take heart, men, for I have faith in
God that it will be exactly as
I have been told.”

Acts 27:25 ESV

Faith is not in what I see —
Faith is in what God speaks!

Faith is not in the boat but in
the One who commands
the wind and waves!





“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.”

Psalms 46:1-3 ESV

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