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AN OUTLINE FOR TODAY'S SERMON

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DESPERATION

Acts 27:13-20

I. Doctrine: *Desperation*—When Employed

_____ **By God—Results in *Good Things***

- A. –All Sinners _____ to *Survive*, and to do so *Without God . . .*, (Acts 27:18-19)
- B. . . . But _____ Circumstances *Finally Cause us to Abandon All Human Hope*, (Acts 27:20)

II. The Progressive _____ that Lead to *Desperation*,
vv. 13-20

- A. –Initial godless “Success” is _____ With the *Reality* that *Truth Prevails in a Theistic Universe*, vv. 13-17
- B. –“Values” _____—When *Life or Death* is “*On the Line*,” vv. 18-19
- C. –Darkness Fills the _____ of a *Christ-Less Existence*,
v. 20

**III. How God _____ *Desperation Redemptively*—For His
Own Glory**

- A. –He _____ Each of *us* To Jesus *Through It . . .*,
(Mk. 5:25-34)
- B. . . . And, He *Propagates* His _____ Church by Blessing *those* who—through experience—have found *their Satisfaction in Christ Alone*, (Jn. 6:66-69)

Key Verse—v. 20: “*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.*” (ESV)

NOTES & APPLICATIONS:

Aim: To View *Desperation* as a *Vital Vehicle* by which people are Conveyed to Christ and *His Church*