



TURNING YOUR SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS

Reasons People Make Bad Choices

***But it (the ship) ran aground on a sandbank.
The front of the ship stuck firmly in the sand,
and the rear was being smashed by the force of
the waves. Acts 27:41a***



We listen to the advice of ungodly people.

By now we had already lost a lot of time, and sailing was no longer safe. In fact, even the Great Day of Forgiveness was past. Then Paul spoke to the crew of the ship, “Men, listen to me! If we sail now, our ship and its cargo will be badly damaged, and many lives will be lost.”

But Julius listened to the captain of the ship and its owner, rather than to Paul.

Acts 27:9-11



1. You pray. *James 1:15, James 1:7*

2. You study the Word of God. *2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12*

3. You listen to the Holy Spirit. *1 John 4:1*



We do as everyone does.

The harbor at Fair Havens wasn't a good place to spend the winter. Because of this, almost everyone agreed that we should at least try to sail along the coast of Crete as far as Phoenix.

It had a harbor that opened toward the southwest and northwest, and we could spend the winter there. Acts 27:12



We rely on current conditions instead of Christ.

When a gentle wind from the south started blowing, the men thought it was a good time to do what they had planned. So they pulled up the anchor, and we sailed along the coast of Crete. But soon a strong wind called “The Northeaster” blew against us from the island.

Acts 27:13-14



Application:

- ◆ *Who's advice are you taking?*
- ◆ *Am I listening to ungodly advice?*
- ◆ *Am I doing as everyone else is doing?*
- ◆ *Am I relying on current conditions?*
- ◆ *Am I listening to God?*

