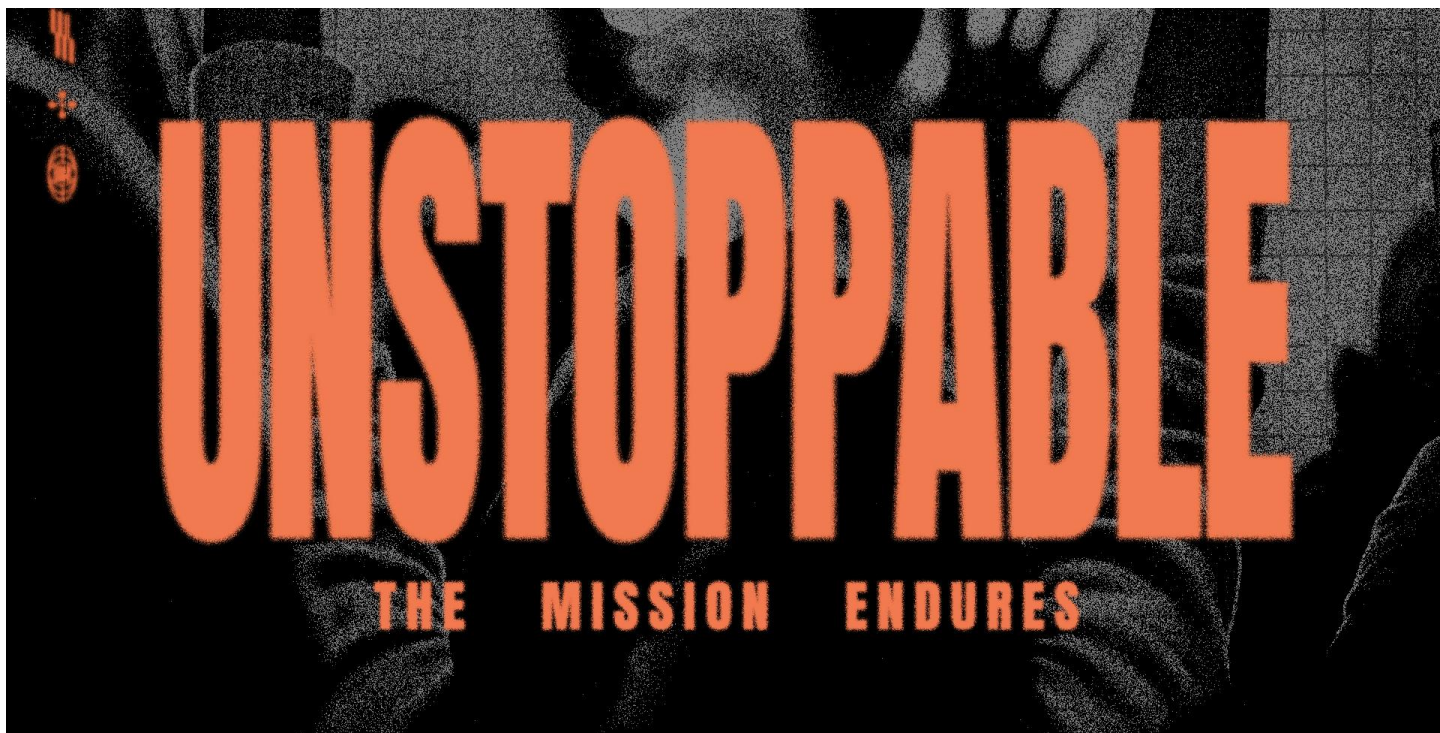




Week 28: Faith Through The Storm

In Acts 27, Paul finds himself caught in a violent storm on the way to Rome. As the sailors, soldiers, and passengers lose hope, Paul remains steady because his confidence is anchored in God's promises. The storm does not disappear, but God's faithfulness gives Paul the courage to encourage others and lead them through the crisis. Acts 27 reminds us that following Jesus is not always the path of least resistance, but we can rest in His promises and become a source of hope for the people around us, even in the middle of the storm.

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul's circumstances never really improve in Acts 27. The storm gets worse, the ship is lost, and yet Paul remains confident. What do you think allowed Paul to have hope when everyone else had given up?
2. The message emphasized that "God's path is not always the path of least resistance." Have you ever experienced a season where following God became more difficult than expected? What did that season teach you about faithfulness?
3. Paul interpreted the storm through God's promises rather than interpreting God's promises through the storm. When you face anxiety, uncertainty, or disappointment, what are you most tempted to trust instead of God?
4. After receiving God's promise, Paul became a source of courage and hope for everyone else on the ship. Who has been that kind of person in your life, and what impact did their faith have on you?
5. The sermon ended with the reminder that "we all have a ship." Who are the people on your ship right now, at home, work, school, or in your community, and what is one practical way you can bring God's peace, encouragement, or hope to them this week?