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A SUMMER STROLL THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS





“This is what I do;
it’s in my blood.”

(Ash Dykes, as quoted in Aamna Mohdin’s article “British explorer is first person to complete 4,000-mile Yangtze trek” on [theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com), August 12, 2019)











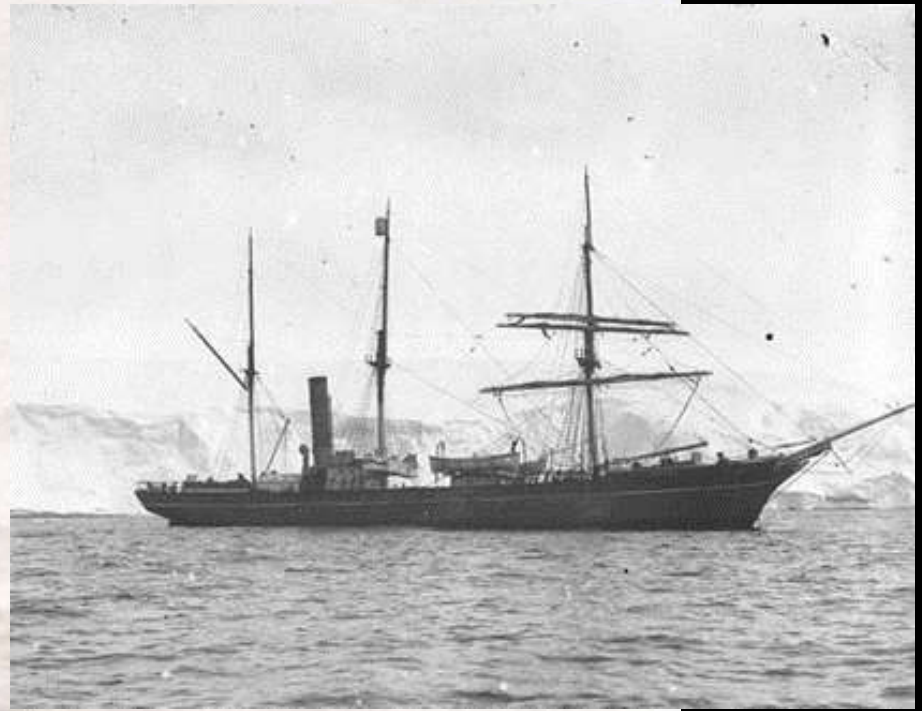
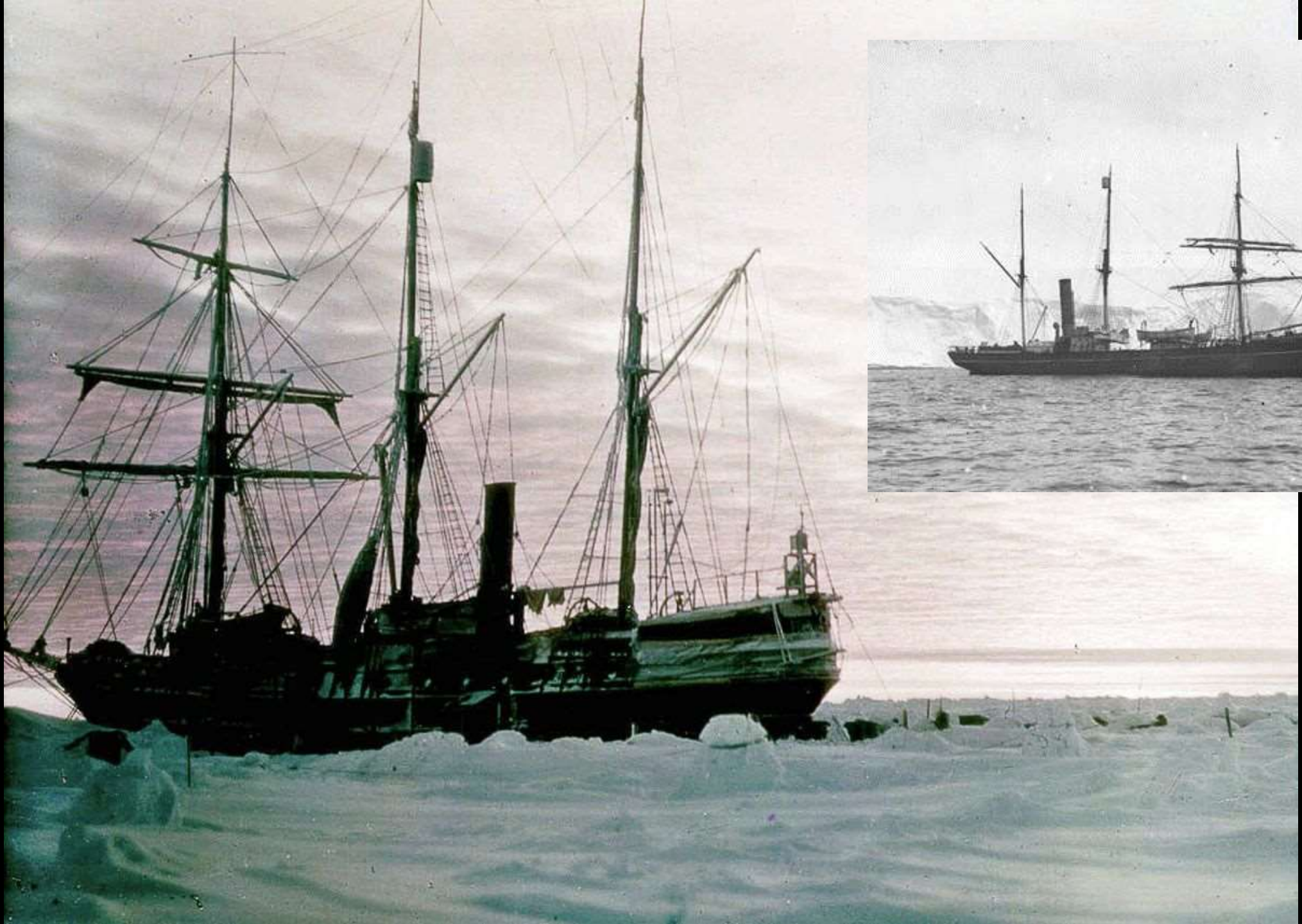




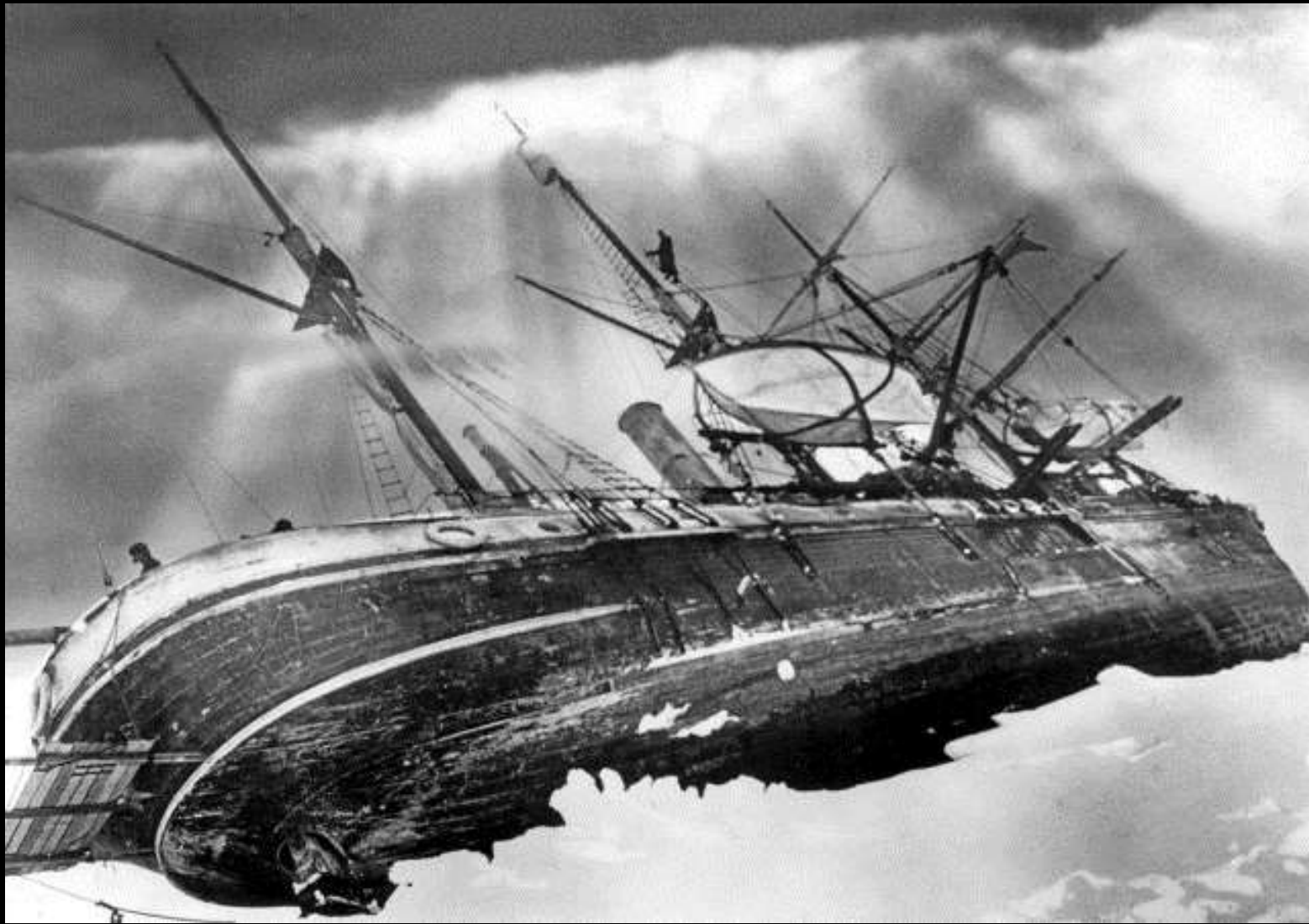


























“[Give me] Scott for scientific method, Amundsen for speed and efficiency, but when disaster strikes and all hope is gone, get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton.”

(Raymond Priestly, as quoted in Jennifer Speake’s anthology *Literature of Travel and Exploration: R to Z*, page 1079)





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John 5:24 (ESV): “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV): “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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Acts 27:1-3 (ESV): “And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. **2** And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. **3** The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for.”

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Acts 27:9-12 (ESV): “Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, **10** 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.’ **11** But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. **12** 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.”

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Acts 27:13-26 (ESV): “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. **14** But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. **15** And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. **16** Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship’s boat. **17** After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship....”

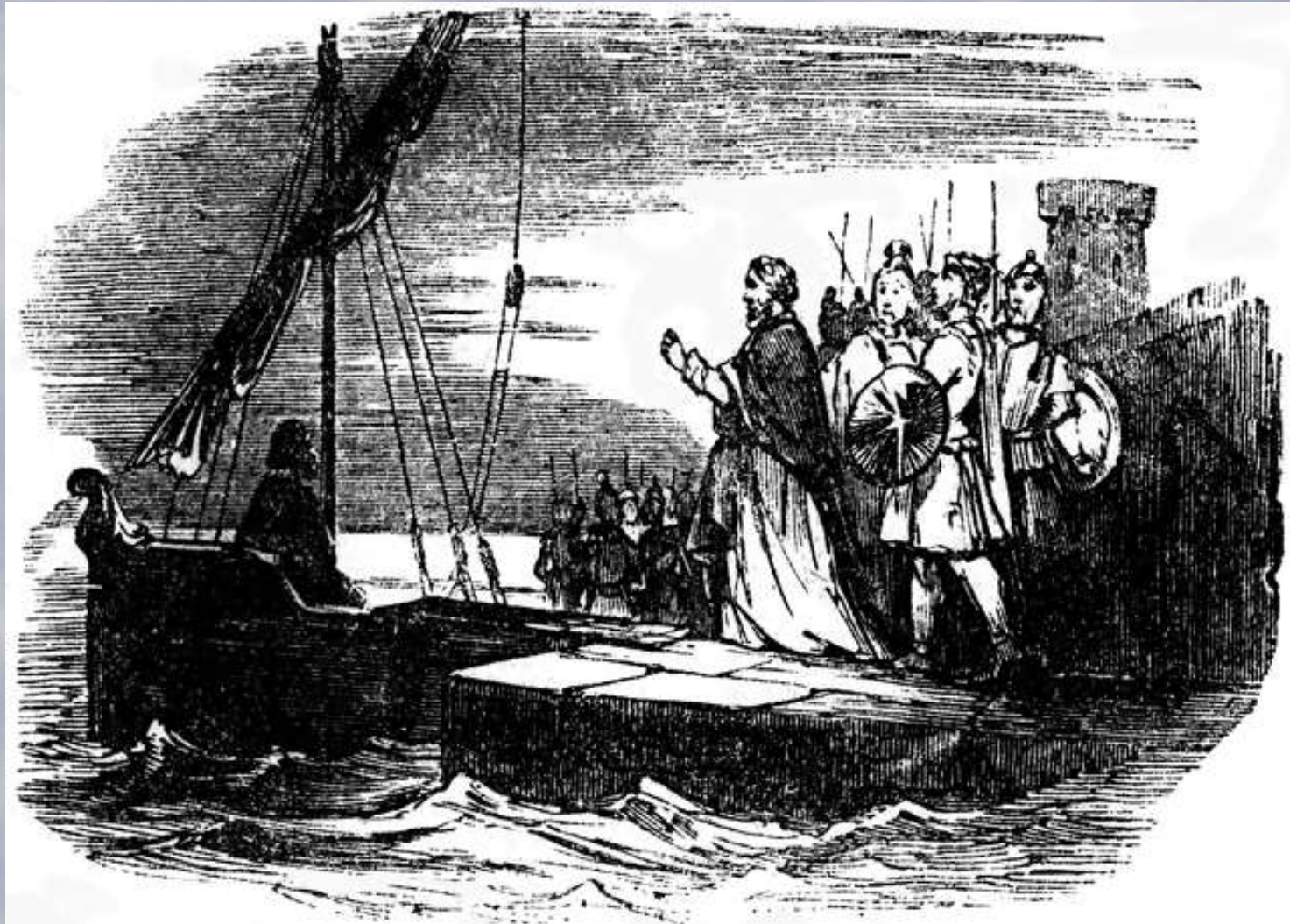
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“...Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. **18** Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. **19** And on the third day they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. **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. **21** Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said,...”

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“...‘Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. **22** Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. **23** For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, **24** 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.” **25** So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. **26** But we must run aground on some island.””

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“A live donkey is better than a dead lion, isn't it?”

(Ernest Shackleton, as quoted in Kari Herbert's book *Polar Wives: The Remarkable Women behind the World's Most Daring Explorers*, page 91)



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Main Point

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE
IN LEADERSHIP
DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE
LEADING THE SHIP.

Teacher of the Ship

Matthew 23:1-7 (ESV): “Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, **2** ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat, **3** so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. **4** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. **5** They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, **6** and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues **7** and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.”

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Acts 27:29-38 (ESV): “And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. **30** And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship’s boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, **31** Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, ‘Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved.’ **32** Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship’s boat and let it go.”

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Acts 27:33-38 (ESV): “As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, ‘Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing.

34 Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you.’ **35** And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. **36** Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. **37** (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) **38** And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.”

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Acts 27:41-44 (ESV): “But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. **42** The soldiers’ plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. **43** But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, **44** and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.”

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Application

DON'T JUST FILL THE

POSITION,

ASSUME THE

DISPOSITION.

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Matthew 23:8-12 (ESV): “But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. **9** And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. **10** Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. **11** The greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

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Psalm 78:73 (NKJV): “So [David] shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”

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1 Timothy 3:7 (ESV): “Moreover, [the overseer] must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.”

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1 Peter 5:2-3 (ESV): “Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;
3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.”

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2 Timothy 4:5 (NIV): “But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

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Romans 12:16 (ESV): “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

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NEXT WEEK: ACTS 28; 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8