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- ... prevent \_\_\_\_\_ by considering others and *their* needs
- ... to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the God of all comfort

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1) **Pray** \_\_\_\_\_. Which helps us...

- ... focus on God, instead of our **circumstances** \_\_\_\_\_
- ... prevent **tunnel** **vision** \_\_\_\_\_ by considering others and *their* needs
- ... to be **real** \_\_\_\_\_ with the God of all comfort

2) **Lighten** \_\_\_\_\_ the **Load** \_\_\_\_\_

- Two things to eliminate: temptations and the **“good”** \_\_\_\_\_

3) Trust God to **do** **what He said** \_\_\_\_\_

4) Don't **give up** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Go all in** \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.

*shall be with me--A prayer to the God of my life. [9] I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" [10] As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" [11] Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God."*

### TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Thinking back to the idea of Lightening the Load, is there anything you need to “cut-off” or “reprioritize” in your life? Any “good” things that take away from the “best”? If so, what are they?

Looking at your answer(s) above, what can you do this week to put it into action?

- 9) Looking back at this week’s teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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## **Life Group Homework** **For the week of October 3, 2021**

### MY STORY

- 1) This week we were encouraged to trust God to do what He says, especially in times of turmoil and doubt. Which verse or passage has been most helpful or encouraging to you when you’ve gone through the storms of life? What does this verse mean to you?
- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week’s message in Acts 27? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we were encouraged to do four things (Pray, Lighten the Load, Trust God to Do What He Said, and Not Give Up). In which of these areas do you have room for the most improvement?
- 4) Paul endured quite a lot on his journey to Rome, and it started way back in Acts 21 with his arrest in Jerusalem. Why do you think God uses/allows the “roundabout” paths in our lives? Why not the expressways?

5) Read the following passage, noting any questions or highlights you may have.

**1 Peter 1:3-9** - "[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, [8] whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9] receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls."

How might this passage encourage or strengthen you in your faith?

In this passage, what are the things God has *already* done for you?

What are the things God has *promised* to do for you in the future?

6) How do the following passages help you be strong in your faith?

**Romans 8:32 NLT** - "Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"

**Psalm 94:3, 17-19** - "[3] LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph? ... [17] Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence. [18] If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. [19] In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul."

7) Read the following Psalm, and then write down at least three ways you want to have a heart more like this.

**Psalm 42:1-11** - "[1] To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah. As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. [2] My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? [3] My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" [4] When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. [5] Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance. [6] O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. [7] Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. [8] The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song