

## Jesus Changes Lives (Part 4): Shipwrecked

Jesus changes our hearts, minds, and our lives from the inside out.

The same power (pala genesia) that created the world and will renew all things one day is the same power that is in us to recreate and renew our lives.

Jesus transforms lives and communities in and through communities of love and hope.

Jesus is ready to do a new work and change us in ordinary, everyday moments.

Jesus is ready to rescue us and restore us when all seems lost.

### A DUBIOUS Voyage

When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete... By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control... When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. -*Acts 27:13-20*

### SHIPWRECKED

So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves... He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land. -*Acts 27:40-44*

When you're lonely... Jesus rescues.

When you're powerless... Jesus rescues.

When all seems lost, Jesus changes us in the most profound way... He rescues us.

### The Kingdom Is Near

- ❖ HOW have you experienced Jesus changing your heart and life before?
- ❖ HOW can you transform Aldersgate into a transformational community?
- ❖ HOW have you experienced Jesus rescuing you when life was dubious or wrecked?
- ❖ WHAT can you do to "keep up your courage" in dubious and wrecked times?