



**Sailing, Storms, Shipwrecks, Snakes, and Sovereignty:  
How the Gospel Helps Us to 'Take Heart' During Difficult Times**

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**Passage in a Sentence:** Because of God's providence and promises, I can trust Him.

- I. Recognize God's providence over our story.
  - a. All the details of our story are ordained by God.
  - b. All the disappointments of our story are ordained by God.
  
- II. Recognize God's providence over our storms.
  - a. God encourages us in our storms.
  - b. God is with us in our storms.
  
- III. Recognize God's providence over our salvation.
  - a. God uses people, events, and circumstances for His purposes.
  - b. God saves us for a purpose.
  - c. God does miraculous things, so we can point others to Him.
  
- IV. Rightly respond to God
  - a. Thank God for His providence.
  - b. Take Courage because of His providence.
  - c. Trust God for His providence.