

## **A WALK ON THE LIGHT SIDE**

### **HOW WE LIVE**

- Comprised of different components
  1. Upbringing - can be almost an unconscious thing
  2. Experiences - bad and good protect and/or repeat
  3. Identification - key areas we use to define ourselves
- New factors related to when we received Jesus Christ (***Ephesians 5:8-10 NKJV***)
  1. Our spiritual condition - from darkness to light
  2. Walk this new way - not automatic
  3. A new motivation - doing what is acceptable to the Lord

### **RIDING THE STORM OUT - LESSONS FROM A MAN WHO WALKED AS A CHILD OF LIGHT** ***(Acts 27:20-26 NKJV)***

- Days of darkness - no sun or stars
  1. The relentless storm was beating on them
  2. Paul had a prior witness that the trip would be fatal
  3. Hope had faded out
- A light in the darkness
  1. The angel's message was Don't be afraid
  2. Paul stated his identification with God - gave more credibility to the message
- The reason to be encouraged - take heart
  1. Paul said he believed God
  2. Paul was right - everyone lived

### **WALKING AS A CHILD OF LIGHT**

- Identify with the light, not the darkness
  1. We are living in a spiritually dark world
  2. But we are light in the Lord
  3. We serve/follow Him (***John 8:12 NKJV***)
- Believe what God says more than the darkness we see and feel
  1. Paul could have responded differently to the angel's message
  2. God's word is light to us (***Psalms 119:105 NKJV***)
  3. When we believe God's message, we are encouraged
- The bigger picture is we are to influence others (***Matthew 5:14 & 16 NKJV***)
  1. Learning to walk as a child of light, we become a light to the dark world