

# How to Thrive in Tough Situations

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## Come to Us All

### Sometimes Because of...

- **Our Actions** (*in our control*)
- **Others Actions** (*out of our control*)
- **God's Actions** (*out of everybody's control*)

## Tough Times



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- If God Allows Tough Times- Always a Lesson
- When You Can't See God's Hand...

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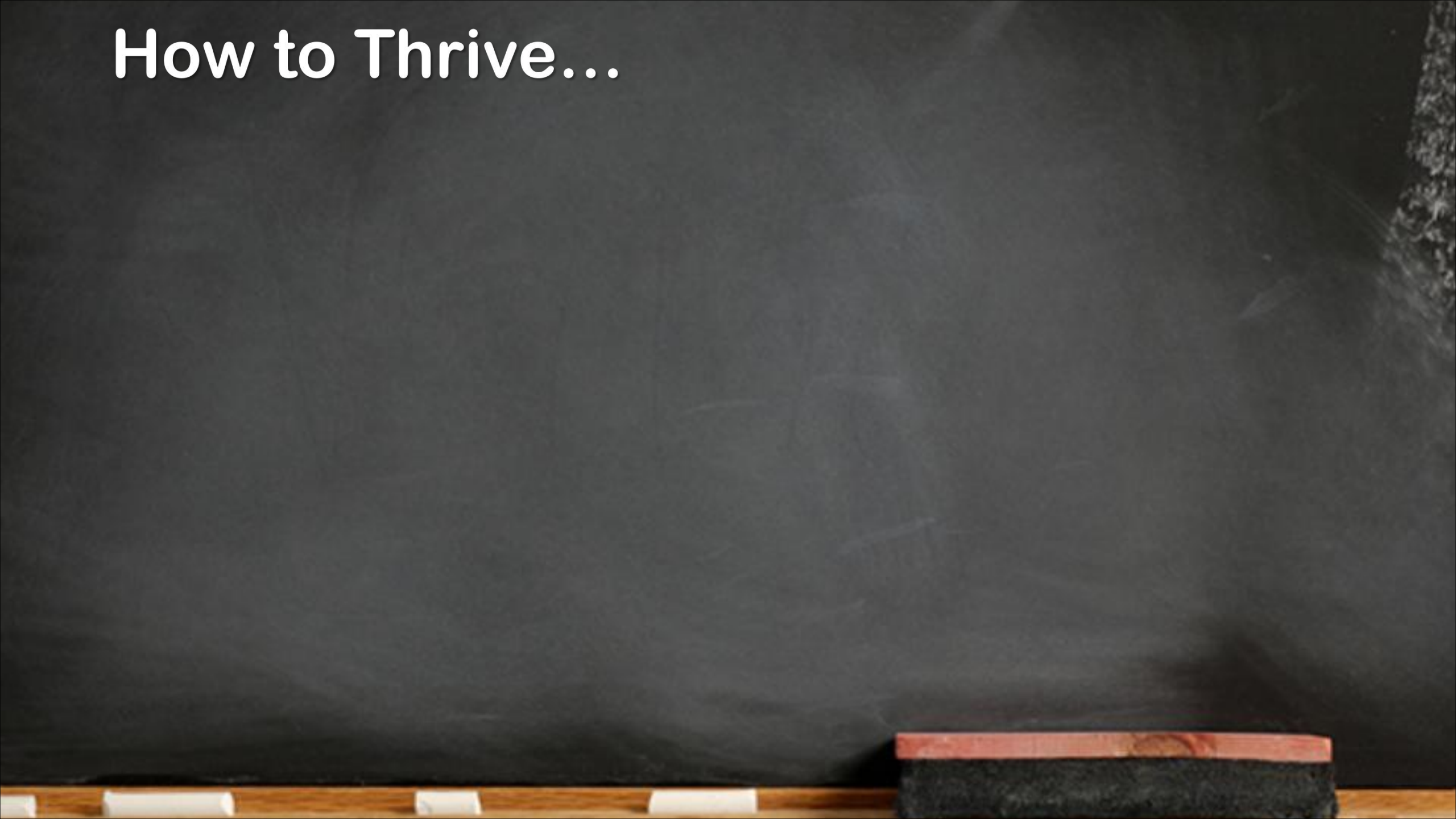
○ David/ Goliath = David (*little is much w- God*)

- Goliath (*never underestimate*)

○ Dan/ Lions Den = Dan (*trust God in worst times*)

- King (*there is No God like ours*)

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## □ Listen

- Listen to the Word of God.
- You Never Know the Complete Truth About Any Situation...  
...Until You Hear From Him. (26)







# How to Thrive...

## ☐ Lean

- **Don't Panic and Take Matters Into Your Own Hands.**
- **God's Word is the Truth...**  
    **...Regardless of the Circumstances.**
- **Isaiah 55:11, *"My Word will not return void.."***
- **Keep trusting the Lord along the way. (27-32)**

## ☐ Live

- **Don't Stop Living...**  
    **...You Need Strength to Continue On. (33-38)**
- **Neh 8:10, *"the joy of the Lord is our strength"***



**How to Thrive...**





A dramatic scene of a ship's mast and rigging being struck by a lightning bolt in a stormy sea. The lightning bolt is bright white and strikes the mast, creating a large splash of water. The sea is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the waves. The sky is dark and stormy, with a hint of orange light on the right side, possibly from a fire or sunset. The overall mood is one of intense danger and chaos.

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## Let (*release*)

- **Let God Have the Boat and Let Him Be the Pilot.**
- **If He Wants to Wreck It, Let Him...**

**...He Really Does Know What He is Doing. (39-41)**



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**Falling = *into something that engulfs you***

**Place of**

- **No PEACE**
- **No Go!**
- **Rush –Suction –Whirlpool**
- **Place of Violence/ Unevenness –Forms Sandbar**
- **Broke Up the Only Thing Left...**
  - ...Standing Between Them / Storm...**
  - ...the Boat**

**God Was STILL in CONTROL!**

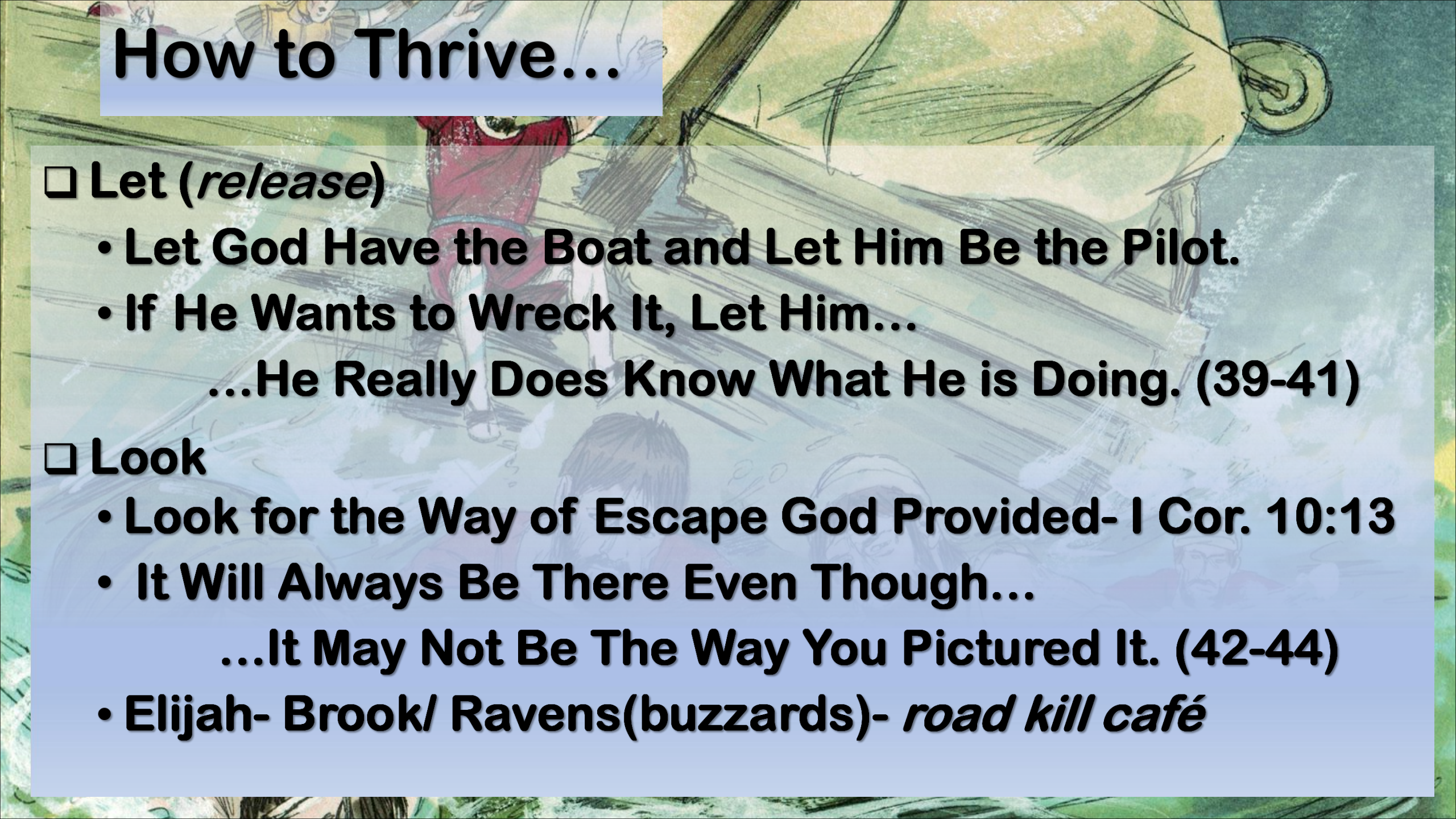


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## □ Look

- Look for the Way of Escape God Provided- I Cor. 10:13
- It Will Always Be There Even Though...

...It May Not Be The Way You Pictured It. (42-44)

- Elijah- Brook/ Ravens(buzzards)- *road kill café*



# The Great Escape - Melita 28:1





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**18 miles long x 8 miles wide**

- Imposs to Hit w/out Proper Navigation**
- But God Guided Them Through**  
**...500 mi. of Turbulent Waters**





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**When They Found Themselves On This Island...**

**...They Took Time To Build A Fire. (2,3)**

**The Fire Would...**

- **Comfort Them.**
- **Change Their Condition.....Cold And Wet to Warm**
- **Mark Them... Tell Others Where To Find Them.**
- **Guard Them From the Beasts**



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**When You're Weary, Weak, Confused...**

**...Just Don't Know What to Do...**

**...Build a Fire!**

○ **Stir Up Those Holy Ghost Fires in Desolate Place...**

**...Watch God Can Do**

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- **Mark You**
- **Guard You From This Old World**



# Just When You Thought it was Safe (3-10)





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- **Serpent**
- **Satan Will Rise Again**
- **Shake It Off!!!**
- **What Satan Meant for Bad...**
  - ...God can use for Good**
  - ...they brought the sick to him**

