

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Some time ago I gave leadership to an event that didn't go nearly as well as I had expected. And from one who doesn't get easily discouraged, I have to tell you, I was discouraged. In fact, I believe it probably was the lowest point of my ministry life. Thank God for a dear friend. This guy knows me very well. He pulled me aside, looked me in the eye, and said, "Crawford, you're discouraged, aren't you?" I said, "Yea, Buddy, I am. I really am down." I poured my heart to this friend of mine. He put his arm around me and said, "Hey, look, we're going to pray through this thing, and God's going to help you." You know what? He encouraged me. He was like an angel sent by God at a tender moment in my life.

God used the Apostle Paul in Acts chapter 27 verses 35 and 36 to give hope in a fairly dismal situation. This whole group is going through the midst of a tremendous storm. They are on a ship. Paul is supposed to be going to Rome. Things are not looking good. In the midst of all this turmoil, listen to what the Apostle Paul does. "And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves." As I read this passage, it hit me. Sometimes all a person needs to be encouraged is your model and example.

There are people all around us who simply need a listening ear and a praying heart. Here's what I want you to remember today. Do you know of anybody who is discouraged? Give them a call. Maybe even get together with them. Pray with them and love them back to courage.