

Steer Your Ship



“The essential thing is patience, fortitude, courage, and audacity.” –Bahá’í Writings

On life’s voyage, it’s tough to navigate the stresses of school, friends, and family. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, the son of Bahá’u’lláh, faced a whirlwind of challenges too. For example, when he led the Bahá’í Faith after his father’s passing, enemies spread rumors, trying to turn people against ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. He also took an epic three-year journey to share the Bahá’í teachings in Europe and North America. And during World War I, he guided farmers to grow wheat, which saved people from starving.

‘Abdu’l-Bahá told his secretary, Dr. Youness Afroukhteh, that his work was like sailing a ship. “I locate my destination and then by the power of My will I hold the wheel and head out. No matter how strong the storm . . . I do not become agitated or disheartened; I persevere until I reach my goal.”*

Hard times can feel like steering a ship in a storm. Like ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, we can trust in God and use determination to stay on course.

Unscramble the letters to discover words that help us steer through stormy challenges.

1 M N S A C T S
2 T W M O K R A E
3 U A F T E R T G
4 E L F P O N H
5 A O C R G U E
6 T A H F
7 T A I E E P N C U O
8 T A H F
9 A V P E R R

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*‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s quote is from the remembrances of Dr. Youness Afroukhteh and may not be his exact words. Answers on page 28