

A Shipwrecked Testimony

This month marks the one-year anniversary of Abby Sunderland's failure. The teenager was unable to travel the world by boat in record time and beat her older brother's record as the youngest person to do so.

After Sunderland's dreams were dashed by high winds and 50-foot waves that caused her boat to capsize, she wasn't sure what the future would hold for her. But looking back at the aftermath of her attempt, Sunderland says she now sees God's hand at work in her disappointment.

"My trip being wrecked has given me a bigger platform than I would have had had everything gone according to plan," says Sunderland of her newfound fame. "I hope it makes people think a little about God, and maybe there is something bigger out there."

Last June Sunderland was stranded by a storm in the Indian Ocean nearly 2,000 miles east of Madagascar. For a while the plucky girl lost contact with her parents and was feared lost. She says many sailors have stories of pushing past their limits and coming to a place where they had to call on God, which happened several times for her: "God came through for me in such an amazing way

that my
faith is definitely stronger than when I left in February
2010.”

A homeschool student who recently
completed high school, Sunderland plans to take a year off for
traveling
before going to college to study psychology. She’s also likely
to do
more speaking about her faith and her adventures as told in
her book, *Unsinkable*.