

PAUL SAILS FOR ROME – PART 1

THE PERILOUS JOURNEY ACTS 27:1-26

Paul is finally off on the journey to Rome that the Lord had guaranteed. **ACTS 23:11**

- **What do you do when God allows perilous journeys, storms, or shipwrecks to come?**
- **Paul sensed real danger ahead and encouraged the crew to find safe harbor for the winter. What about God's promise?**

WHEN YOUR LIFE GETS ROUGH . . .

HOW ABOUT YOU?

- What fills your heart? Fear or faith?
- What do you do when facing disaster, dismay, defeat, disease, death, doubt, and difficulty?
- Are the promises of God still true?
- Does your faith falter?
- Do you trust God when it looks like your boat is going down?



PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

● City
← Paul's Route

**Acts:
27 and 28**

0 100 200 300 Miles
0 100 200 300 Kilometers

A PERILOUS JOURNEY BEGINS

First, the backstory and main story line concerning Festus, Agrippa, and a centurion named Julius.

- How would you have handled 1,941 miles at sea plus 200 miles on land filled with danger, doubts, and despair?
- Filled with many more questions than answers.
- Some have wondered why Luke would devote such great emphasis on Paul's journey to Rome.

WHY INDEED?

- 1.** So if you are trying to reach Greeks and Romans, give them a Greek and Roman storyline: perilous sea voyages!
- 2.** This story of Paul's journey also gives modern-day readers an eyewitness account of the details of ancient sea travel—historical accuracy.
- 3.** ***MOST IMPORTANTLY***, it shows that God's sovereignty is at work in human history and His faithfulness to all His promises.

OUR LIVES SHOULD BE A “WE” PROPOSITION

A built-in need—you were not designed to be a lone ranger! *Here are just a few of Paul’s helpers.*

- He had help from his colleagues, Luke and Aristarchus. **ACTS 27:1-2**
- The centurion, Julius, took care of Paul, as did the Sidonian Christians. **ACTS 27:3**
- Following his shipwreck, the Maltese people demonstrated unusual kindness. **ACTS 28:2**

LESSONS FROM THE JOURNEY

- 1.** There will be days in life that are not an easy sail!
- 2.** You will also, at times, face strong headwinds.
- 3.** The moment you start trying to go where God has sent you, you will often face a time of peril.
- 4.** You may face some situations that seem hopeless.
- 5.** There will be times in your life where you will suffer disasters from the decisions of others.
- 6.** Don't let the perilous journeys keep you from trusting the Lord . . . He's got you!