

PAUL SAILS FOR ROME – PART 3

SHIPWRECK ACTS 27:27-44

Family of God, it is my contention that very few believers go through life without running aground somewhere at some time . . . ***How will you respond?***

- The shoals of bitterness
- The rocks of anger
- The shallows of lying
- The breaking waves of sexual sin
- The cliffs of financial stress

A NIGHTMARE WITH PURPOSE

Now, during this final part of Paul's two-week-long nightmare at sea, God demonstrated His faithfulness and mercy. **ROM. 8:28** in action!

There's God's Part and There's Our Part

- Do all that ***you can humanly*** do to fix the problem you face—so long as it never compromises your faith—***then trust God to do His part***
- **For every storm and every shipwreck**

HANGING IN THERE

Storms and shipwrecks are tests of our faith!

- It is far better to be with God in the midst of danger than to be without God in a place of apparent safety.
- Even though they were starving, God was present with them and would bring them through this disaster. ***They would be damp, not dead!***
- The burden to save is on God, not Paul, or you!

WHAT AN ITINERARY PAUL HAD

- Paul began his 2,000-mile trip to Rome at Caesarea.
- To avoid the open seas, the ship followed the coastline of modern day Turkey.
- At Myra, Paul was put on a vessel bound for Italy. It arrived with difficulty at Cnidus, then went to Crete, landing at the port of Fair Havens.
- The next stop was Phoenix, then his ship was storm-driven for two weeks until it was shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Maybe you've been on that trip?

THE FOUR BLESSINGS OF A ROUGH JOURNEY

- 1. RECOGNIZE*** the presence of God. **27:1-28:31**
- 2. RELY*** on the people of God. **27:1-3; 28:2, 7-10, 14-15, 30**
- 3. REST and trust*** in the promises of God. **27:22-25**
- 4. REMEMBER*** the purposes of God. **28:8-9, 17-31**

***ARE YOU REMEMBERING TO REST IN THE LORD
IN THE JOURNEY YOU ARE ON?***