

Q: (vv.17-28) Paul continued to preach to the Jews, from “morning till evening” expounding the kingdom of God from the Old Testament (Law of Moses and the Prophets). What was the result? How can we be ready to testify from God’s Word, the Good News of Christ for all who believe and trust in Jesus? _____

Q: (vv.26-27) Paul quotes from Isaiah 6:9-10. In light of this context, what does this passage mean and why would the unbelieving Jews be offended (especially when Paul adds v.28)?

Q: (v.30-31) Paul spends the next two years under house arrest, but with much freedom. The book of Acts begins with Jesus’ Great Commission (1:8) to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. It ends with Paul continuing to testify about Jesus with boldness. How can we be more proactive each day in proclaiming Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, in our workplace, school, family, community, etc.?

Q: God spared Paul’s life until His purpose and mission were fulfilled. What is your God-given purpose in life and how does it encourage you that God will protect you too, until His work in your life is accomplished (and then you will be in His glorious presence!)? _

PRAY! Lord, grant me boldness, fill me with your Holy Spirit, grant me opportunity this week to testify to others how You have rescued and changed my life. Lord, give me your strength to endure whatever circumstances and trials that come my way, and help me stay on task to point others to You. I make my life a living offering to You Jesus, for you gave your life so I may find eternal life with You. To You be all honor and glory and power forever, Amen!

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Acts 27-28

In Acts 27, Paul had experienced a terrifying shipwreck, yet God spared all lives aboard. God’s mission for Paul was not fully accomplished yet (see 23:11; 27:23-25). Paul was able to remain calm and even seem to “take charge” during the final days before the ship ran aground. He could remain calm in the midst of the storm and chaos of life, because He trusted in God’s Word & His promises. In a similar way, we can live in peace, in spite of life circumstances, because we trust in a Faithful God.

Q: How have life’s circumstances left you feeling “out of control?” How do handle that and how might God use those times to bless others and point them to Jesus?

Q: (27:3) On the journey to Rome, what do we learn about Julius the centurion guarding Paul?

Q: (vv.9-11) Paul the prisoner spoke up to warn the centurion and crew about the dangerous journey. What was the response?

Q: (vv.13-20) Describe the storm and the crew’s response. _____

Q: (vv.21-26) What was Paul's bold and encouraging response? Where did Paul place his faith?

Q: When trials hit where do you turn *first* to find comfort or direction? Why?

Q: (v.30) Some sailors tried to escape but were prevented from doing so. How did the centurion and crew view Paul and his advise at this point in the journey?

Q: (vv.33-38) How does Paul show tangible care for the crew, yet pointing them to God?

Q: What practical needs in our community (and in individual families) can we help meet as we share our hope in Christ?

Q: (vv.39-44) How was Paul's life spared, as well as the other prisoners on board? How did Paul's steadfast faith in Christ impact the centurion and others? Why might God have allowed these trials?

Q: Who has shown faith in the midst of struggle, that had an impact on your life? How has God used trials in your life to impact others for His glory?

Q: (28:1-6) The shipwrecked people landed on the island of Malta. The locals were friendly and hospitable. But Paul gets bit by a deadly snake. Describe the reaction of the locals.

Q: (vv.7-10) How did God use Paul's misfortune (but also this miracle) to bring healing to many? How does this remind us of Jesus?

Q: (vv.11-16) Paul is encouraged by the brothers (the church). What does this tell us about the importance of being in the presence of other believers (Heb 10:24-25)?
