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Acts

THE CHURCH IN MOTION

Acts 27:1-28:10

Unsinkable

27:1-8: The journey starts slowly.

“9 Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, 10 saying, “Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” 11 But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. 12 And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there.”

27:13-20

A great storm comes.

They throw everything overboard.

20: “all hope of our being saved was abandoned.”

“21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,

24 and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ 25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. 26 But we must run aground on some island.”

27:27-38

Ship blown by the wind

Paul urges them to eat after 14 days of not eating.

Paul assures them none will be hurt.

39-41: the ship wrecks

42 The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. 43 But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, 44 and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

28:1 After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. 3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. 4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.

5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. 8 It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. 9 And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. 10 They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board whatever we needed.

Acts 27:1-28:10 (ESV)

Four Threats to God's Plan

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1) The Storm

What storms are you facing in your life?

What might be God's purpose in them?

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- 1) The Storm**
- 2) The Shipwreck**

When your plans are shipwrecked, do you respond with fear or trust? Do you panic or look for opportunity?

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- 1) The Storm**
- 2) The Shipwreck**
- 3) The Soldiers**

How do you treat people who annoy you?

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- 1) The Storm**
- 2) The Shipwreck**
- 3) The Soldiers**
- 4) The Snake**

**What snakes are getting in your way of
joining God's plan?**

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**God uses storms, shipwrecks, soldiers, and snakes
in your life.**

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