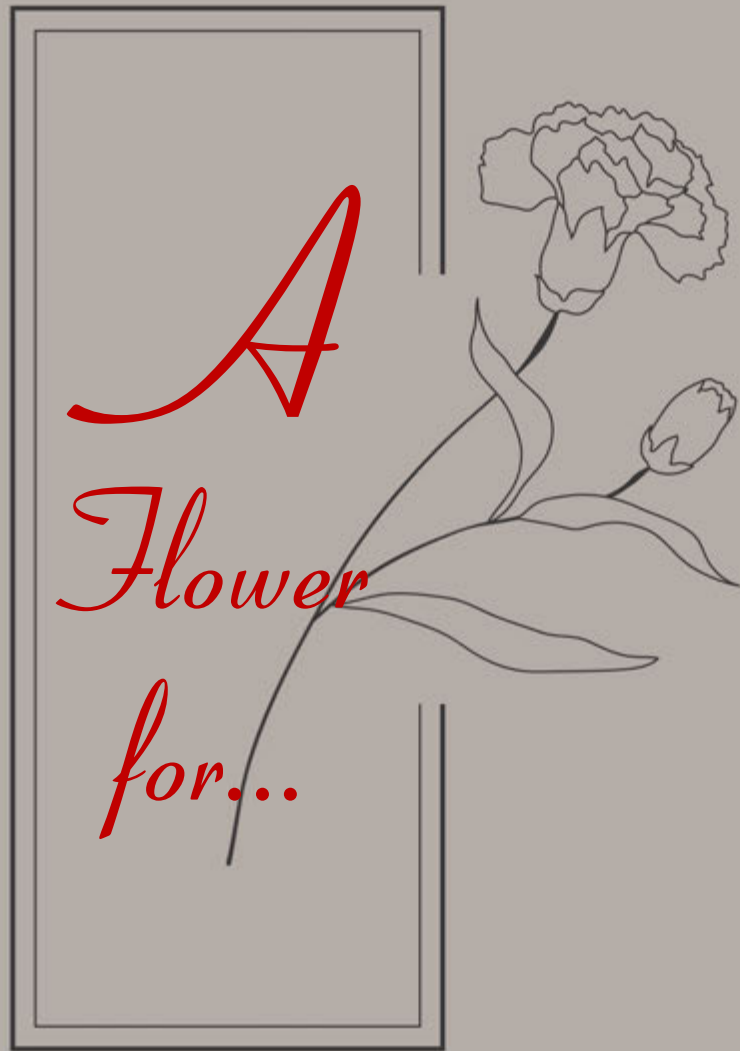


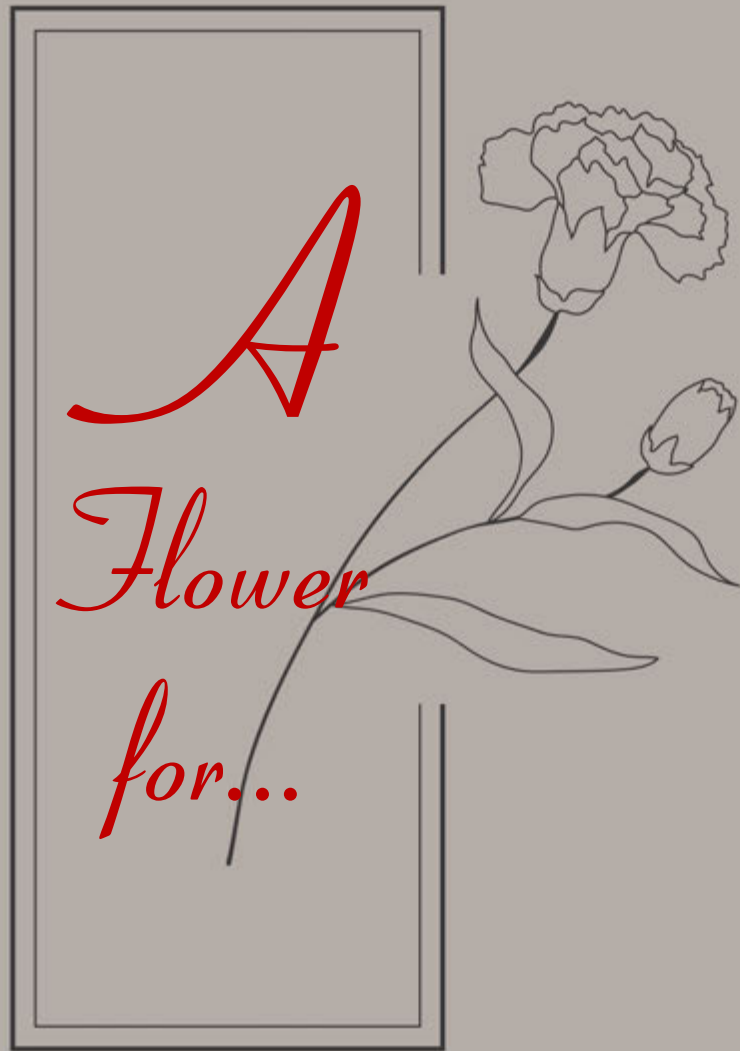


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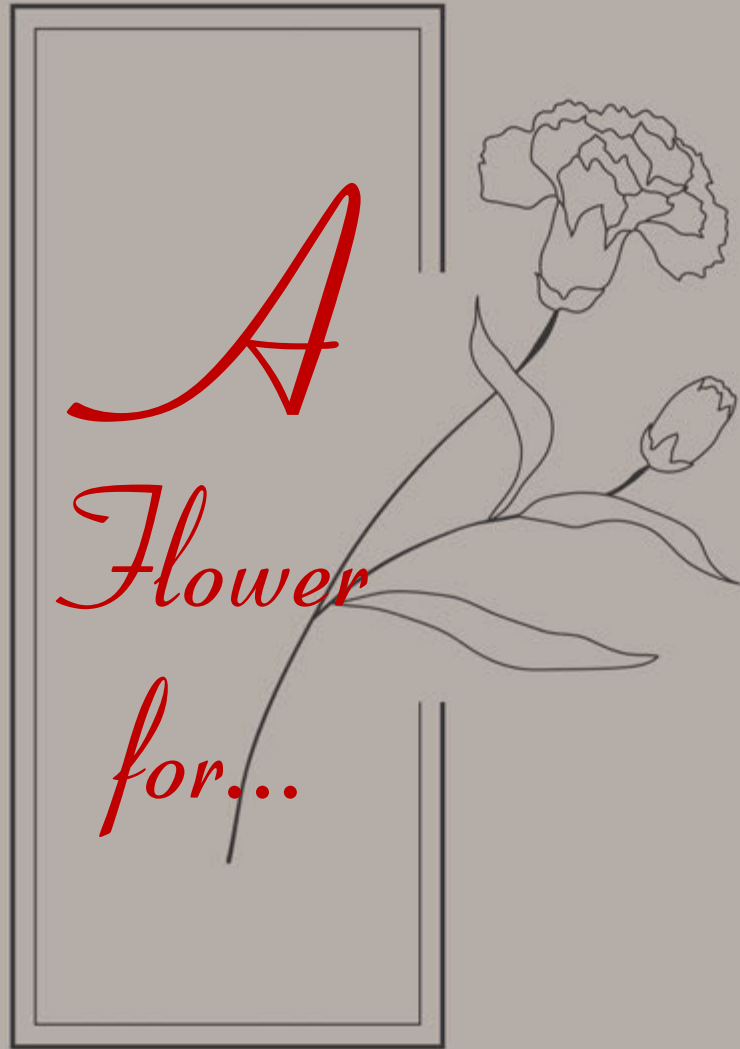




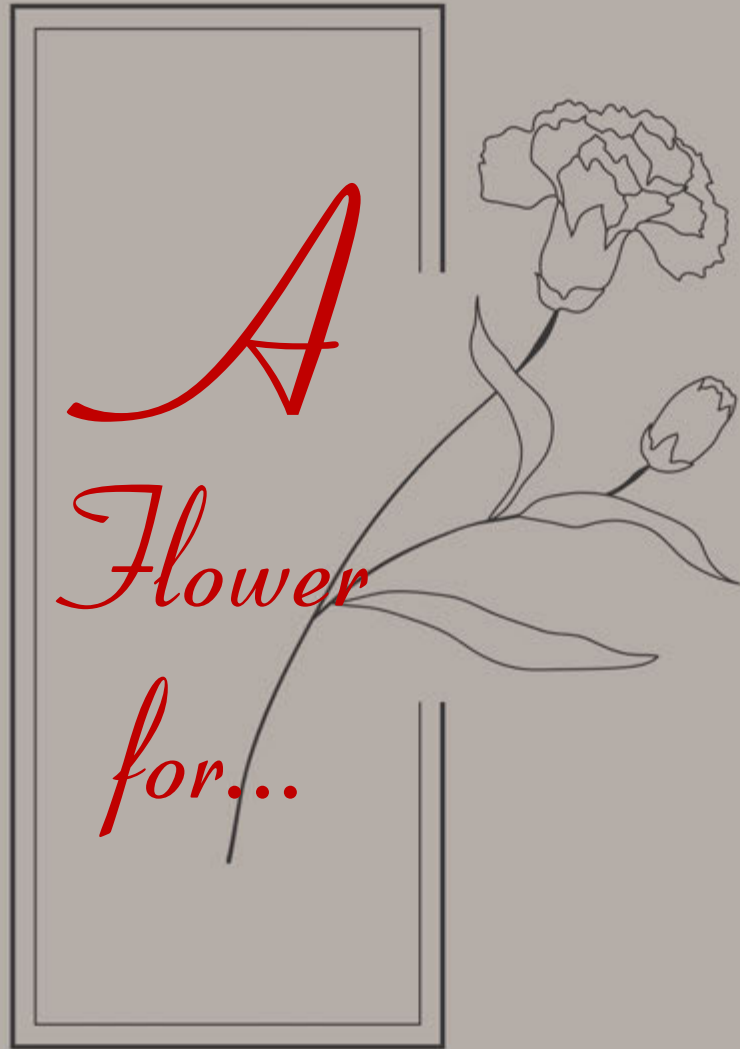
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birth this year to
their first child - we
celebrate with you*



*To those who are in
the trenches with
little ones every day
and wear the badge
of food stains - we
appreciate you*



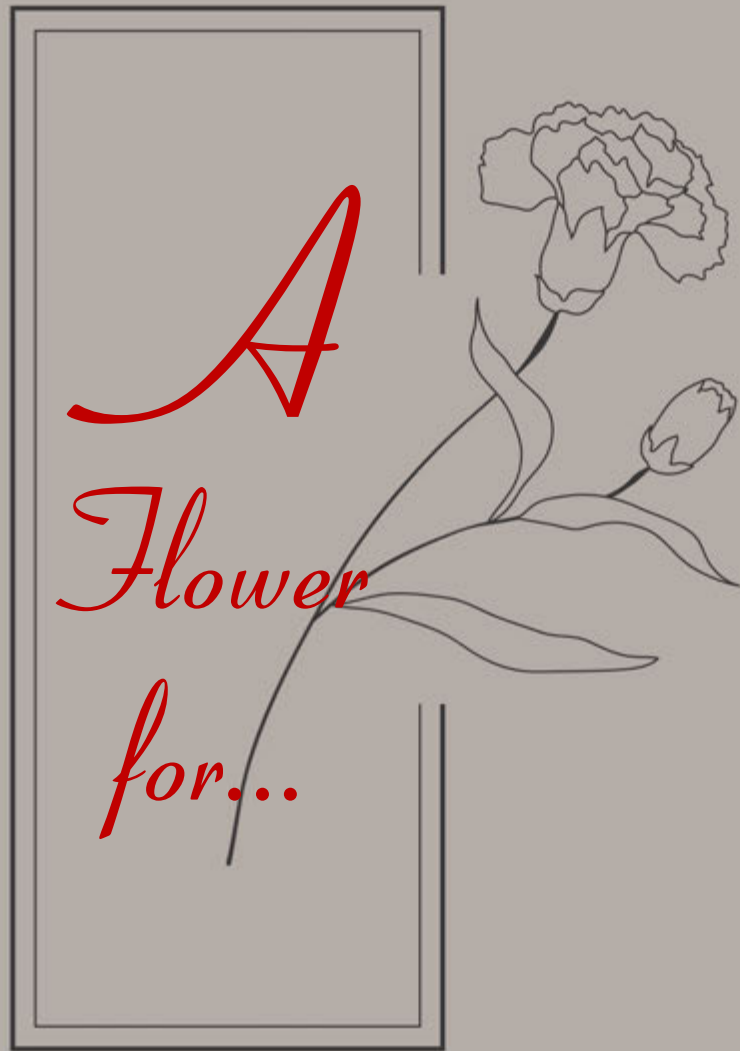
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experienced loss this
year through
miscarriage, failed
adoptions, or a
runaway child - we
mourn with you*



*To those who walk the
hard path of
infertility, fraught
with pokes, prods,
tears, and
disappointment - we
walk with you.*



*To those who are
foster moms, mentor
moms, and spiritual
moms - we need you*



*To those who walk
the path of unwanted
singleness and whose
heart's desire to have
a family - we grieve
with you and hope
for you*



*To those experiencing
disappointment, heart
ache, and distance
with a child - we sit
with you*

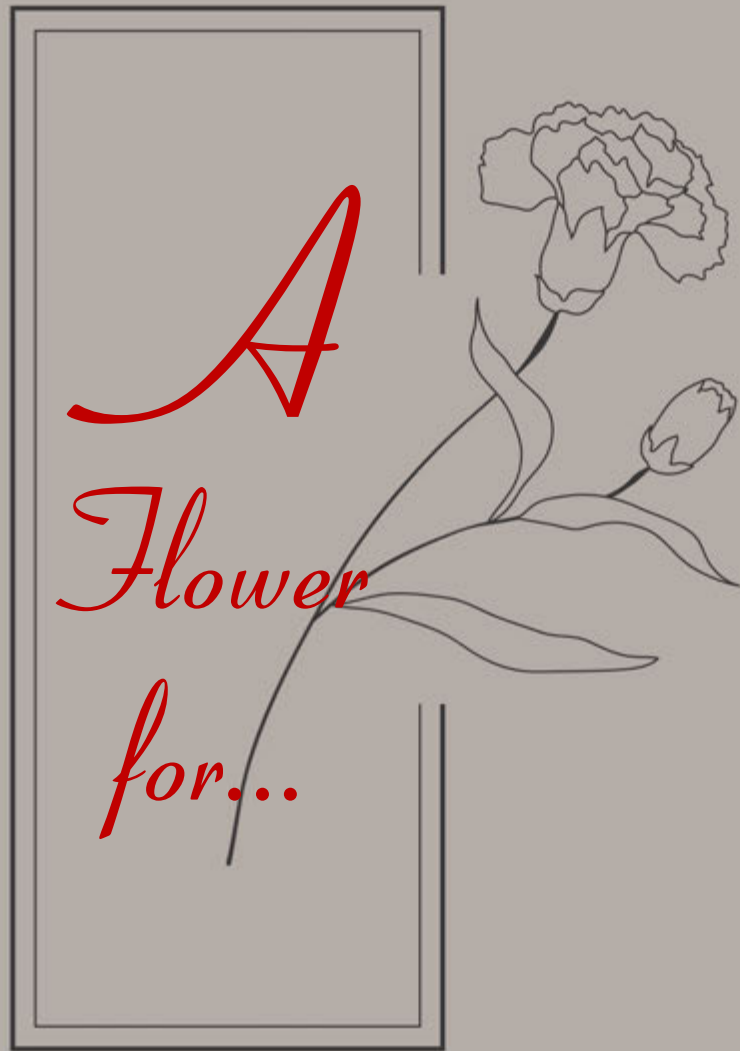


*To those who
experienced abuse at
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own mother - we
acknowledge you
pain*

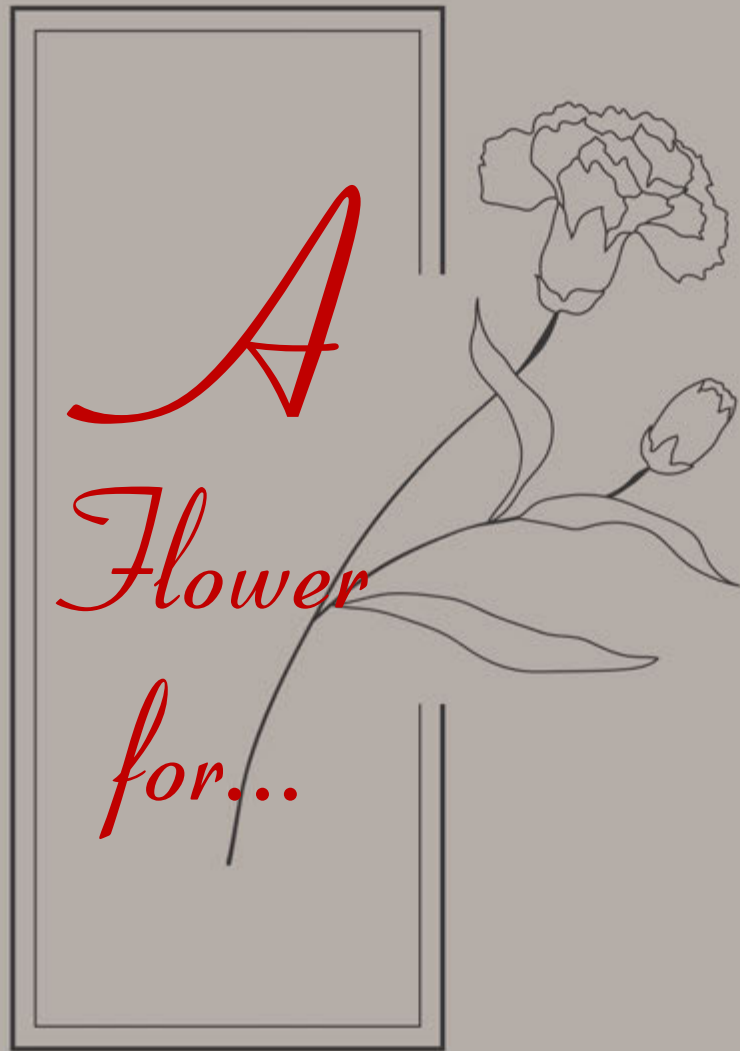
*A
Flower
for...*



*To those who will
have emptier nests
this coming year - we
grieve and rejoice
with you*



*To those who are
pregnant with new
life, both expected
and surprised - we
anticipate with you*



*To those who lost
their mothers this
year - we grieve with
you*



*Happy
Mother's
Day*





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¹When it was decided that we were to sail to Italy, they handed over Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Imperial Regiment. ²When we had boarded a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, intending to sail to ports along the coast of Asia. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us.

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³The next day we put in at Sidon, and Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends to receive their care. ⁴When we had put out to sea from there, we sailed along the northern coast of Cyprus because the winds were against us.

⁵After sailing through the open sea off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we reached Myra in Lycia.

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⁶There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷Sailing slowly for many days, with difficulty we arrived off Cnidus. Since the wind did not allow us to approach it, we sailed along the south side of Crete off Salmone. ⁸With still more difficulty we sailed along the coast and came to a place called Fair Havens near the city of Lasea.

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PAUL'S ADVICE IGNORED

⁹By now much time had passed, and the voyage was already dangerous. Since the Day of Atonement was already over, Paul gave his advice ¹⁰and told them, "Men, I can see that this voyage is headed toward disaster and heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship but also of our lives."

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¹¹But the centurion paid attention to the captain and the owner of the ship rather than to what Paul said. ¹²Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided to set sail from there, hoping somehow to reach Phoenix, a harbor on Crete facing the southwest and northwest, and to winter there.

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STORM-TOSSED SHIP

¹³When a gentle south wind sprang up, they thought they had achieved their purpose. They weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴But before long, a fierce wind called the “northeaster” rushed down from the island.

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¹⁵Since the ship was caught and unable to head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶After running under the shelter of a little island called Cauda, we were barely able to get control of the skiff.

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¹⁷After hoisting it up, they used ropes and tackle and girded the ship. Fearing they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the drift-anchor, and in this way they were driven along.

¹⁸Because we were being severely battered by the storm, they began to jettison the cargo the next day.

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¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

²⁰For many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and the severe storm kept raging. Finally all hope was fading that we would be saved.

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²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss. ²²Now I urge you to take courage, because there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship.

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²³For last night an angel of the God I belong to and serve stood by me ²⁴and said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul. It is necessary for you to appear before Caesar. And indeed, God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵So take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me. ²⁶But we have to run aground on some island."

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²⁷When the fourteenth night came, we were drifting in the Adriatic Sea, and about midnight the sailors thought they were approaching land. ²⁸They took soundings and found it to be a hundred twenty feet deep; when they had sailed a little farther and sounded again, they found it to be ninety feet deep.

²⁹Then, fearing we might run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight to come.

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³⁰Some sailors tried to escape from the ship; they had let down the skiff into the sea, pretending that they were going to put out anchors from the bow. ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²Then the soldiers cut the ropes holding the skiff and let it drop away.

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³³When it was about daylight, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, “Today is the fourteenth day that you have been waiting and going without food, having eaten nothing. ³⁴So I urge you to take some food. For this is for your survival, since none of you will lose a hair from your head.”

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³⁵After he said these things and had taken some bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all of them, and after he broke it, he began to eat. ³⁶They all were encouraged and took food themselves. ³⁷In all there were 276 of us on the ship. ³⁸When they had eaten enough, they began to lighten the ship by throwing the grain overboard into the sea.

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SHIPWRECK

³⁹When daylight came, they did not recognize the land but sighted a bay with a beach. They planned to run the ship ashore if they could. ⁴⁰After cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and headed for the beach. ⁴¹But they struck a sandbar and ran the ship aground. The bow jammed fast and remained immovable, while the stern began to break up by the pounding of the waves.

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⁴²The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners so that no one could swim away and escape. ⁴³But the centurion kept them from carrying out their plan because he wanted to save Paul, and so he ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴The rest were to follow, some on planks and some on debris from the ship. In this way, everyone safely reached the shore.

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MALTA'S HOSPITALITY

^{28:1} Once safely ashore, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The local people showed us extraordinary kindness. They lit a fire and took us all in, since it was raining and cold. ³ As Paul gathered a bundle of brushwood and put it on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When the local people saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "This man, no doubt, is a murderer. Even though he has escaped the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live."

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⁵But he shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶They expected that he would begin to swell up or suddenly drop dead. After they waited a long time and saw nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

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MINISTRY IN MALTA

⁷Now in the area around that place was an estate belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us hospitably for three days.

⁸Publius's father was in bed suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went to him, and praying and laying his hands on him, he healed him. ⁹After this, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

¹⁰So they heaped many honors on us, and when we sailed, they gave us what we needed.

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ROME AT LAST

¹¹After three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island, with the Twin Gods as its figurehead. ¹²Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed three days. ¹³From there, after making a circuit along the coast, we reached Rhegium. After one day a south wind sprang up, and the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found brothers and sisters and were invited to stay a week with them.

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And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵Now the brothers and sisters from there had heard the news about us and had come to meet us as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

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PAUL'S FIRST INTERVIEW WITH ROMAN JEWS

¹⁷After three days he called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had gathered he said to them, "Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸After they examined me, they wanted to release me, since there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹Because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar; even though I had no charge to bring against my people.

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²⁰For this reason I've asked to see you and speak to you. In fact, it is for the hope of Israel that I'm wearing this chain."

²¹Then they said to him, "We haven't received any letters about you from Judea. None of the brothers has come and reported or spoken anything evil about you. ²²But we want to hear what your views are, since we know that people everywhere are speaking against this sect."

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THE RESPONSE TO PAUL'S MESSAGE

²³After arranging a day with him, many came to him at his lodging. From dawn to dusk he expounded and testified about the kingdom of God. He tried to persuade them about Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets.

²⁴Some were persuaded by

what he said, but others did not believe.

²⁵Disagreeing among themselves, they began to leave after Paul made one statement: 'The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah 26 when he said,

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Go to these people and say:

You will always be listening,

but never understanding;

and you will always be
looking,

but never perceiving.

²⁷For the hearts of these
people

have grown callous,

their ears are hard of hearing,

and they have shut their eyes;
otherwise they might see with
their eyes

and hear with their ears,
understand with their heart
and turn,

and I would heal them.

²⁸Therefore, let it be known to
you that this salvation of God
has been sent to the Gentiles;
they will listen."

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PAUL'S MINISTRY UNHINDERED

**³⁰Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him,
³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.**

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- The Story is not over –
There is Room for Your Story!

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