

#### Main Passage:

Acts 23:11 Hebrews 10:32-36 Romans 1:16
Acts 27:22-26 Acts 28:23-28

Acts 28:3-5 Philippians 4:22
Acts 27:20 Acts 28:30-31

# **ACTionS Week 12: The Final Voyage**

#### Introduction

- Scope of Acts: From Resurrection to Paul's Imprisonment.
- Timeline Highlights:
  - Pentecost (29 AD)
  - Saul's Persecution (33–35 AD)
  - Saul's Conversion
  - Peter and Cornelius (35–40 AD)
  - Jerusalem Council
  - Paul's Missionary Journeys (46–57 AD)
  - Paul's Trials and Imprisonment (57–62 AD)
- Big Idea: From 120 believers to a global movement Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.

### 1. God's Promise is Greater Than Our Problems

(Acts 23:11)

- Jesus to Paul: "You must preach the Good News in Rome."
- Paul faces three imprisonments, three ships, and countless storms but God's word stands.
- **Key Thought:** God's promises are anchors in life's storms.

### 2. God is in the Details

(Acts 27)

- Who: Paul, Luke, Aristarchus, Roman Captain Julius, and prisoners.
- Where: Adramyttium, Sidon, Crete, Malta, and more.
- How: Weather, cargo, anchors, depths Luke records everything.
- Why: To prove Paul's integrity and God's providence.
- Key Verse:

Acts 27:25 — "Take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said."

#### 3. Faith Over Fear

- Sailors questioned Paul's authority but he trusted God's word over experience.
- The Perils:

- Leviathan, Hydra, Sirens, Charybdis (Mythological dangers of the Mediterranean)
- Reality: The dangers were real, but God's protection was greater.
- Key Thought: Faith is trusting God's Word even when storms blot out the sun and stars (Acts 27:20).

## 4. Stay on Mission After the Storm

(Acts 28)

- Shipwrecked at Malta God uses even disasters for His purpose.
- Snakebite incident Paul shakes it off, unharmed. (Acts 28:3–5)
- Lesson:
  - Don't wait for life to be perfect to serve others.
  - o Faithfulness matters even after the battle.
- Supporting Scripture:

Hebrews 10:32-36 — "Patient endurance is what you need now..."

#### 5. Use What God Has Given You

(Acts 28:23-31)

- Paul preaches boldly from house arrest.
- Some believed; others hardened their hearts (Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled).
- The Gospel now offered to the Gentiles!
- Key Point:
  - People lose what they refuse to use stay open to God's Word.

# 6. The Gospel Cannot Be Stopped

- Paul's final days under Nero's rule even in suffering, he proclaims Christ.
- Despite persecution, the Gospel keeps moving forward.
- Final Scriptures:

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Romans 1:16 — "For I am not ashamed of the gospel..."

Acts 28:30-31 — "Paul boldly proclaimed... and no one tried to stop him."
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# **Closing Challenge:**

- Trust God's promises.
- Stay faithful through storms.
- Boldly proclaim the Gospel because it cannot be stopped!

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