

ACTS
27:39–28:6

THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL

9. PAUL SHIPWRECKED

Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Malta as he sailed to Rome. God kept him and everyone else safe, and God’s power was shown through Paul even during that difficult time. God is faithful to us through

39 Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore.

40 So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach.

41 But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf.

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, and the rest on planks or on pieces
44 of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

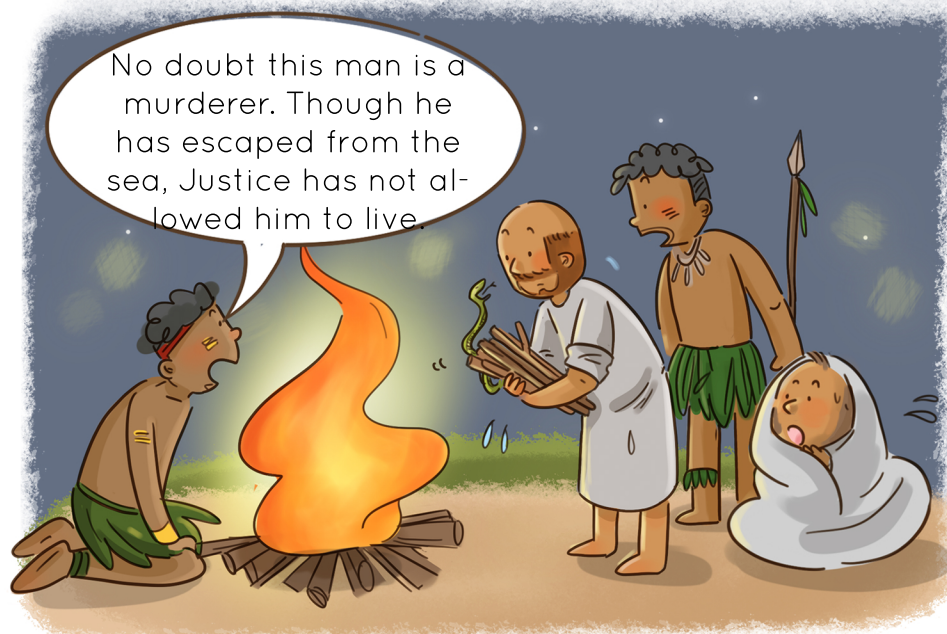


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1-2 After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.

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,



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.

DID YOU KNOW



Paul was sailing to Rome as a prisoner. The Lord had warned him of being arrested in Jerusalem, but Paul was willing to be imprisoned and die for the Name of Jesus (Acts 21:10-14). Are we willing to suffer for God?



After getting arrested in Jerusalem, Paul spent two years in jail before being sent to the emperor. He patiently shared about Jesus, even with the governor holding him in jail. The Lord wants us to be patient in suffering (Romans 12:12).



In the storm when all hope was lost, an angel visited Paul and told him everyone would be saved. In our darkest moments, the Word of God visits us and gives us hope to keep going and trust in God's salvation (Acts 27:20-26).



While on Malta, Paul healed a sick man and many others on the island. Even though he was held prisoner, Paul was still doing the work of God, and the Holy Spirit faithfully worked through him (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Read Joshua 1:9 in your Bible and write it below. The Lord wants us to be strong and courageous like Paul was through his suffering!

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LET'S HAVE FUN



Help Paul get to the island safely.

