

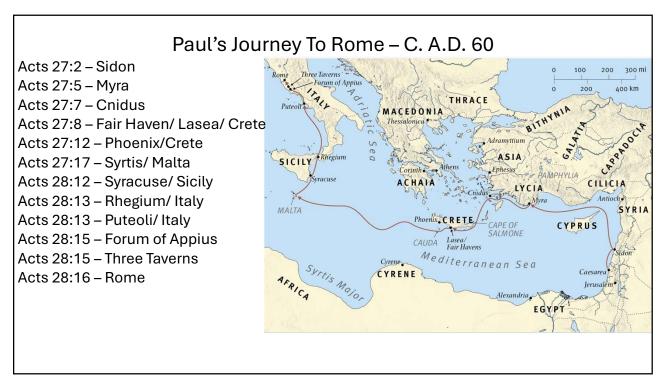
God Calls. God Equips. We Must Obey.



Acts 27-28



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Favor In The Middle - 27:1-44

Companionship brings encouragement

- Paul did not travel alone
- Luke accompanied Paul
- Aristarchus from Thessalonica
 - Paul's visit to Thessalonica (2nd Missionary Journey) Acts 17: 1-9
 - In Ephesus during riot (3rd Missionary Journey) Acts 19:29
- Favor with Julius Augustan Cohort



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Companionship brings encouragement

Weather determination

- Many effects of the weather impacted the journey to Rome
- Stubbornness and pauses, God still in control
- Massive storm for days
 - Lose of cargo and beam of mainsail (vs. 18-19)
 - "All hope of our being saved was at last abandoned" (vs. 20)



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Weather determination

But God...

- · Paul encourages everyone to eat
- · Remembering the call
- Message from God
 - No loss of life, but the ship will be lost
 - Remembering the call to stand before Ceasar and give testimony of Jesus
 - Faith in God is necessary



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But God...

Faith demonstrated

- · Attempt to flee stopped
- "Unless all stay in the ship..."
- Rope for the ship's boat cut and boat let go
- Food finally on the fourteenth day



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Shipwreck

- Attempt to bring the ship to shore
- Wreck and ship broken apart
- Prisoners saved through favor to Paul by the centurion
- All made it to shore safely



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Faith Is Required. Depend On The Call Of God Who Never Fails And Is Never Wrong.



Provision Of Hope – 28:1-10

Just the right...

- People of Malta
 - Welcomed everyone
 - Took care of everyone Roman soldiers and prisoners



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Provision Of Hope - 28:1-10

Just the right...

- People of Malta
- Protection
 - Paul's life spared from a viper
 - · Shook it off into the fire and suffered no harm



Provision Of Hope - 28:1-10

Just the right...

- People of Malta
- Protection
- Testimony
 - People of Malta waiting for Paul to die and justice to be served
 - · Amazed Paul did not die
 - Considered Paul to be a god



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Provision Of Hope - 28:1-10

Just the right...

Even in a shipwreck

- · Paul heals the chief's father
- Others come to Paul for healing
- Provisions sent with the crew from the people of Malta



Recognize God's Sovereignty And Praise Him For His Provision And Protection For His Glory.



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Purpose Of Praise - 28:11-32

Meeting other believers

- Nearing Rome, Paul is greeted by the church
- 130 miles outside of Rome Puteoli
- 40 miles outside of Rome Forum of Appius
- 12 miles outside of Rome Three Taverns
- Encouragement that the gospel had spread (church is now about 30 years old Acts 2)



Purpose Of Praise - 28:11-32

Meeting other believers

House arrest not prison cell

- Paul allowed to live in a house
- Guest could come and go
- · Guarded by a soldier



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Purpose Of Praise - 28:11-32

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The Jews gather to see Paul

- Paul retells his account that brought him to Rome
- No letters sent from Judea against Paul with charges
- · Desire to know more
- · Larger crowd gathers to hear Paul



Purpose Of Praise - 28:11-32

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House arrest not prison cell

The Jews gather to see Paul

Demonstrating God's plan through God's Word

- Expounding and testifying concerning the kingdom of God
- Connecting Jesus, Moses, and prophets
- Some believed, other remained in disbelieve
- Prophecy fulfilled Isaiah 6:9-10
- Message of salvation to be proclaimed to the Gentiles they will listen



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Demonstrating God's plan through God's Word

Boldly lived

- Two years in Rome with many coming to see Paul
- Lived at his own expense
- Boldly and without hindrance



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Demonstrating God's plan through God's Word

Boldly lived

Time not wasted

- · Wrote to letter to the churches in:
 - Ephesus
 - Philippa
- Personal letters to:
 - Philemon
 - Titus
 - Timothy



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The cliff hanger...

- Biblical history does not complete the remain time of Paul life
- Extra-biblical historians record of Paul going to Spain
- Rearrested and executed in Rome



2 Timothy 4:6–8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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Are You Living With Boldness And Without Hindrance With Your Words And Actions?

