



EVIDENCE OF THE TRUTH!

Open it

1. What was a really scary moment of your life?

Daily devotions

Day 1

TODAY'S THEME: EXPLORE IT

Read Acts 27

2. How would you summarize the things that happened in this chapter?
3. What stood out to you from this passage?
4. How do you think these events gave credit to Paul's message, the gospel?
5. Do you have any questions after reading this chapter?

Day 2

TODAY'S THEME: FACING FACTS



There's quite a bit of stuff that happened in this passage! Now remember, Luke is a historian and is trying to accurately record the events that have taken place. We look at a story like this and feel very disconnected because we don't know all the places like we do around where we live. Check out the map above to see their journey from Caesarea to Rome.

A while back, there was a group of men from Scotland who wanted to disprove the Bible. A young man named Sir William Ramsay was sent to visit all the places Luke talks about in the book of Acts, especially here in Acts 27, to try and find anything he possibly could that would discredit his account. After close examination, Sir William Ramsay concluded that Luke's records were air-tight and intricately accurate. Soon after this, he became a follower of Christ himself and went on to write many books in defense of the Bible.

6. How do you know you can trust what's written in the Bible?

I HAVE A QUESTION! ✍ Write it down so you can ask your leader or your parents!

PRAYER GUIDE ➤ Here is something you could pray for today:

- Pray for wisdom to trust the Bible and for clarity as to why you can!

Day 3

TODAY'S THEME: CIRCUMSTANCES GIVE OPPORTUNITY

Read Acts 27:21–26

Even Paul had to slip in the “I told you so” line. Everything he had warned the sailors about actually happened. But Paul doesn’t say it in a snarky way, but rather in a gracious and caring way. In some ways, it could have been easy for Paul to get irritated with the sailors because he had warned them of what was going to happen. They ignored his warnings, and then they ran into all this trouble. But this trouble has given Paul an opportunity to speak truth into their lives. Now Paul has some credibility with them. What he has already warned them about has become true; perhaps the other things Paul is saying are true as well!

It’s through their ignoring Paul that he has an opportunity to bring godly perspective and peace into quite the chaotic situation. In the midst of trial, Paul is able to set an example and lead others to trust in the Lord.

7. Why didn’t God let Paul and the rest of the people on the ship die in the storm?

8. How can God use circumstances in your life to bear witness to unbelievers around you?

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PRAYER GUIDE ➤ Here are some things you could pray for today:

- Pray for strength to uphold your testimony in Jesus when you face difficult times.
- Pray for opportunities to let your light shine before men, that they might worship your Father in heaven!

Day 4

TODAY'S THEME: A PICTURE OF SALVATION

Read Acts 27:27–44

This passage holds a perfect picture of the salvation that Paul has been preaching. When you are lost to despair with nothing you can do, God tells us to trust Him alone and He will save us. In this passage, the storm has left the sailors with no hope of their being saved. That's when Paul shares with them the hope from God, that He will save them. But the charge is that the men must stay on the ship and trust God. In the end, God was faithful, and he saved all 276 people who were on the ship during that terrible storm!

When we look at the Law, we see the evils produced from our sins. There is nothing we can do to get rid of that sin, so we are left totally helpless and hopeless. Paul preaches that we can have salvation from our sins through faith in Jesus. But his message isn't to work harder and do more things. No, he says there's nothing we can do but trust totally in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and in His resurrection from the grave. That's where we have hope and salvation. And God is faithful to save those who call upon His name in faith.

9. Imagine that you are one of the Roman soldiers escorting Paul to Rome when all of this happened. Now that you're safely ashore on the island of Malta, how are you feeling? What are your thoughts about Paul?

10. If salvation is truly by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, that means that in order to have salvation, people need to hear about Jesus. The gospel message is the most important message the world could ever hear. What are you willing to sacrifice so that others around you might hear the gospel message? What risks are you willing to take?

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PRAYER GUIDE ➤ Here is something you could pray for today:

- Pray for boldness to be unashamed of the gospel, that you might share it with your friends and family who desperately need to hear it.

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