

“A Holy Compass”

Pointing the Way to God

Acts 28:12-20

Contrast the Luck Charm on the front of the boat and the constellation Gemini with having a compass...even a holy compass, the Word of God.

Intro:

Abraham

Moses

Jesus

Apostles in Acts

Paul going to Rome

To use a Compass, We need :

I. Patience – “tarried three days” (vs 12-13)

We will make progress by :

A. Instruments – “*fetchd a compass*”

All our possessions should be seen as instruments not objects of worship or things to distract our focus.

B. Increments – “*came to Rhegium*”

God is going to change us into the image of His Son, incrementally not all at once...thus we shall only understand the way God wants us to go “incrementally” not all at once.

C. Incidents – “*after one day the south wind blew*”

Something contingent on or related to something else

Incidents are not accidents but are evidence of Providence!

II. Perspective– “we found brethren” (vs 14-15)

We will need :

A. Companionship – “*the brethren...came to meet us*”

B. Contentment – “*he thanked God*”

C. Courage – “*and took courage*”

III. Purpose – “for this cause...the hope of Israel”(vs 16-20)

VIDEO – An Athlete with a purpose ... see if you can tell me what it is.

We will be given :

A. Privilege – “*Paul was suffered to dwell by himself*”

B. Problems – “*I am bound with this chain*”

C. Platforms – “*to see you, to speak with you*”

Compass point the way but do not tell us about:

Verses 12-13– The Journey – Time = Patience

➤ Waiting – Holding patterns

➤ Winning – Circumstances = Providence, Grace, Opportunity, Seize the Day

Verses 14-15 – Visitation – Treasure, Teammates, Perspective

Taking special care of Our

➤ Initiated by Individuals - Companions

➤ Glorifies God - C

➤ Encourages the Weary - Compassion

Verses 16-20 – Vindication, Confrontation, Purpose

➤ Isolation – Freedom or Privilege

➤ Initiation – Friction or Problems

- Clarification - Fraternities or Platforms
 - a group of persons associated by or as if by ties of brotherhood.

- **The twin gods Castor and Pollux** on the ship's figurehead were the heavenly twin sons of Zeus and Leda according to Greek mythology; supposedly they brought good fortune to mariners. If their constellation, Gemini, was seen during a storm it was an omen of good luck. Contrast this with a Holy Compass...which is more valuable and dependable?