

Paul Sails for Rome

Acts 27:1-28:16

PART THREE: 27:27-44

Introduction

v27 v28

"the sailors suspected that they were nearing land"

"sounding"

"fathom" 6 feet.

v29

"prayed for day to come."

Prayer, reason, and labor are not opposed to each other. They work together.

"The things, Good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for." Thomas More

Inaction is not faith. It's fatalism. Fatalism actually lacks faith because *faith works through love* (Gal. 5:6).

v30 v31

"Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

v32

It is detrimental to hang on to things that might tempt us to sin.

The prophet Samuel hacked Agag, king of the Amalekites, to pieces (1 Samuel 15).

"He that is appointed to kill an enemy, if he leave striking before the other ceases living, doth but half his work." John Owen

v33 v34

With the spiritual encouragements came practical exhortation.

Biblical love cares for both the spiritual and physical well being of other people.

v35 v36

"he took bread...giving thanks to God...he broke it"

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

v37 v38

v39 v40 v41

“striking a reef” i.e., ‘sandbank or crosscurrent’; literally, Gk ‘a place between two seas.’

“The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf.” v41

v42 *The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape.*

A servant of Jesus Christ serves without expectation of appreciation or reward.

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v44

“And so it was that all were brought safely to land.”

God still prefers to work this way – His accomplishments through ordinary human means.

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 119:89-91

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8

God asserts His absolute authority with unlimited power in order to establish His divine supremacy.

Isaiah 44:23-28

Two main subjects to focus our attention on:

- 1) The supremacy and absolute power and authority of our sovereign God.
- 2) The submission, perseverance, confidence, fearlessness, unfaltering faith (v25), and loving, caring concern for people (vv33-37) of the apostle Paul.