

CP— 9/22/24

Acts 28:1-16—To Malta and Rome

Sermon Outline

1. In the midst of danger, God gave Paul protection and favor. (28:1–6)
2. In the midst of waiting, God gave Paul ministry opportunities & provision. (28:7–10)
3. In the midst of uncertainty, God gave Paul support and fellowship. (28:11–16)

Application

*Use God's gifts of His promises, His presence, & His people. (23:11; 27:23–25)

*Set gospel goals for your life. (19:21; Rom 1:15; 15:20–24)

*Finish your race well. (2 Tim 4:7–8, 17–18)

“But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

(2 Timothy 4:17-18)

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Discuss the dangers Paul had faced up to this point. Mention each danger and how God protected him. List the different ways Paul and his friends experienced God's favor through ordinary acts of people. Discuss how these truths encourages us.
3. Discuss why waiting is a good thing for us, especially in our culture and community. What were some of the obvious reasons Paul's trip to Rome was delayed for 3 months? Have you ever seen God delay a chapter in your life in order to bring about opportunities to minister to others? Share and discuss.
4. How did the Lord provide for Paul relationally on his trip to Rome? Why do we often run from God's people rather than to them in times of uncertainty? Discuss how God's people are a gift to each other.
5. Discuss the concept of finishing your Christian walk well. What is on the line, and why is a godly legacy so important? List any examples in your life of people that finished well and how their life encouraged you as a Christian.