



SHINING THROUGH

MESSAGE FOUR:
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PAUL **SAILS** FOR **ROME**

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*When the **time came**, we set sail for Italy.
Paul and several other **prisoners** were placed
in the custody of a Roman officer (centurion) named Julius,
a captain of the Imperial Regiment. ...
We **left** on a **ship** ... scheduled to make several stops
at ports along the coast of the province. ...
The next day we docked at Sidon, ...
Putting out to sea from there,
we encountered **strong headwinds**
that made it **difficult** to keep the ship on course, ...*

ACTS 27:1-4 NLT

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*Keeping to the open sea,
we passed along the coast ..., landing at Myra, ...
There the commanding officer found an **Egyptian ship** from
Alexandria that was bound for Italy, and he put us on board.
We had several days of **slow sailing**,
and after **great difficulty** we finally neared Cnidus.
But the **wind** was **against us**, so we sailed to Crete
and along the sheltered coast of the island, ...
We **struggled** along the coast with **great difficulty** ...
The weather was becoming **dangerous** for sea travel ...*

ACTS 27:5-9 NLT

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*... Paul spoke to the ship's officers ... "Men," he said,
"I believe there is **trouble ahead** if we go on –
shipwreck, loss of cargo, and **danger** to our **lives** as well."
... When a **light wind** began blowing from the south,
the **sailors** thought they could make it. So they
pulled up anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.
But the weather **changed** abruptly, and a **wind** of typhoon
strength (called a "**northeaster**") burst across the island
and **blew us** out to sea. ...*

ACTS 27:10-14 NLT

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*The next day, as **gale -force winds** continued to **batter** the ship, the crew began **throwing** the cargo **overboard**. The following day they even took some of the ship's gear and threw it overboard. The terrible **storm raged** for many days, **blotting** out the **sun** and the **stars**, until **all hope** was **gone**. No one had **eaten** for a long time. Finally, Paul called the crew together and said, "Men, you should have **listened** to me in the first place ...
But take courage (heart)!
None of you will **lose** your **lives**, even though the ship ...*

ACTS 27:18-22 NLT

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*For last night an **angel** of the God to whom I **belong**
and whom I **serve** stood beside me, and he said,*

*“Don’t be afraid, ... So **take courage!***

*For I **believe** God. It will be **just as** he said.*

*But we will be **shipwrecked** on an island.” ...*

*Then the sailors tried to **abandon** the ship;*

*they **lowered** the **lifeboat** ...*

*But Paul said to the commanding officer and
the soldiers, “You will die unless the sailors stay aboard.”*

*So the soldiers **cut** the **ropes** to the lifeboat ...*

ACTS 27:23-32 NLT

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*Just as the day was dawning,
Paul urged everyone to eat. "You have been **so worried**
that you haven't **touched food** for two weeks," he said.
Then he took some bread, **gave thanks** to God **before them** ...
Then everyone was **encouraged** and began to eat – all **276**
of us who were on board. After eating, the crew **lightened**
the ship **further** by throwing the cargo of wheat overboard.
When morning dawned, they didn't **recognize** the coastline,
but they saw a bay with a beach and wondered
if they could get to shore by **running** the ship **aground**.
So they **cut** off the **anchors** and let them to sea.*

ACTS 27:33-40a NLT

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*But they hit a **shoal** and **ran** the ship **aground** to soon. ...
The soldiers wanted to **kill** the **prisoners** to make sure they
didn't swim ashore and escape. But the commanding officer
wanted to **spare Paul**, ... Then he ordered all who could swim
to jump overboard first and make for land.*

*The others held on to planks or debris from the broken ship.
So everyone **escaped** safely to shore.*

(In this way, everyone reached land safely. - NIV)

*Once we were **safe** on shore, we learned we were on the
island of **Malta**. The people of the island were very kind to us.
It was cold and rainy, so they **built a fire** ... to welcome us.*

ACTS 27:41-44; 28:1-2 NLT

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*As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire , a **poisonous snake**, driven out by the heat, **bit him** (fastened itself) on the hand. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, "A **murderer**, no doubt! **Justice** will not permit him to live." But Paul **shook** of the **snake** into the fire and was **unharmmed**. ... people waited for him to **swell up** or suddenly **drop dead**. But when they had **waited** a long time and saw he **wasn't harmed**, they changed theirs minds and **decided** he was a **god**.*

ACTS 28:3-6 NLT

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*Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to **Publius**, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us ...*

*Publius's **father** was **ill** with fever and dysentery.*

*Paul went in and **prayed** for him, ... he **healed him**. ...
all the other sick people on the island ... were **healed**.*

*As a result we were **showered** with honors,
and when the **time came** to sail, people **supplied** us
with **everything** we would need for the trip.*

It was three months after the shipwreck we set sail ...

*And so we came to **Rome**.*

ACTS 28:7-14 NLT

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MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

1. When you give ...
2. When you pray ...
3. When you fast ...
4. When you gather ...
5. When you focus ...

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*Command **those** who are **rich**
in **this** present **world**
not to be arrogant,
nor to put their **hope** in **wealth**,
which is so uncertain,
but to put their **hope** in **God**,
who richly **provides** us with everything*

1 Timothy 6:17 NIV

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*Command **them to do good**,
to **be rich** in good deeds,
and **generous** and willing to share.
In this way they will lay up **treasure**
for themselves as a firm foundation ...,
so that they may **take hold** of
life that is truly life.*

1 Timothy 6:17-18 NIV

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3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What is your **Rome** (purpose)? Have you set sail with a **plan** to achieve this **purpose** like Paul did?
2. Have you faced **difficulty**, great **difficulties** and **danger** during this pandemic? **What** have you had to **toss** overboard? Have you "**taken heart**"?
2. Have you been **missed** your **Malta** because you are **focused** on your **Rome** (plans)? Have you **cut** the **anchors** and "let them to sea"? Are you "**All In**"?

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