

# ***THE BOOK OF ACTS***

## **CHAPTER 27:1-38**

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### **TITLE:**

## ***GOD'S PRICELESS CARGO***

**BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD**

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### **THEME:**

*Acts 1:8*

*"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and "you shall be witnesses to Me" in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

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I have learned in traveling *that one carry on bag is all I need for a long time. There's a way to pack & there is a way to wear what few clothes you have packed...*

**Avoiding the "Check in Bag" scene - what a nightmare**

## **"MANGLE WITH CARE"**

In the events recorded before us *we will do well if we put ourselves in the midst of them...*

- Reason #1 Because We Are All Traveling On A Certain Course
- Reason #2 There Are Believers And Non Believers Traveling With Us
- Reason #3 Difficulties Will Be Arising Along The Way
- Reason #4 There's Reason For All That Happens In Our Lives As Christians

**God can and does use anything and anyone  
to accomplish His plans**

- The Mariners in Jonah's Day
- The Unjust Judge in His Parable
- Even Peter was taught a lesson, God using Pigs in a Blanket

**God is in Love with People and cares for them  
Greatly - So Much So...**

# The case of God's passion for His own

## GOD'S DESIRE FOR & TOWARD HIS PEOPLE

(we are something in Him)

## GOD'S ABILITY TO USE THEM (US) IN THE EARTH

(magnify the need of humans sharing with humans)

## GOD'S PASSION TOWARD HIS SERVANTS (THE SERVANT IS MORE VALUABLE TO GOD THAN THE service, the missionary, more than the mission)

### The Body of Jesus Christ is Alive,

a dynamic people, various people, gather to accomplish the will of God in the earth - Unity, Holiness, Christlikeness.... but once God has saved you and grounded you in Himself, He desires you tell the world #1 Who he is #2 what He has done for them.

#### Priceless Cargo

American airlines San Diego - the tools are used to send the containers, it's what the containers will become, it's what the containers hold - it's the big picture !!!

#### 2 Corinthians 4

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

#### John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, (the qualifying statement) because I go to My Father. (The sending of the Holy Spirit for ministry)

## ... He's desiring to do that work through you

1.) God Sends Us By "Special Delivery" *vv. 1-8*

a) Paul was well Packaged *vv. 1-3*

## GOD HAD PLACED PAUL WITH THIS CENTURION:

The Centurion was Favorable toward Paul, letting Him go to church

Paul Had a Convincing Witness toward

## *The "We's"*

Luke & Aristarchus were with Paul. The Lord had provided excellent wrapping for Paul. Luke was a Physician and Aristarchus was a travel agent (a slave to Paul)

these two men are willing to yield  
their freedom to the furtherance of the gospel

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THOSE SAILING WITH PAUL WERE BEING PREPARED FOR WHAT GOD HAD  
IN STORE FOR THEM ALL

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b) Difficulties are not Always a sign of Opposition *vv. 4-8*

The Gospel is Not Some Candy-Coated Creed

**Difficulties**  
ARE GODS OPPORTUNITIES

Psalm 91:14

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

**LIFE**

**IT'S PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN**

*or*

**IT'S PANIC TO THE WORLD**

**2.) The World Will Always Have Another Plan *vv. 9-12***

a) Paul Wisely Discerns the Situation *v.10*

**Excuse Me But...**  
"I perceive"



Percieve

GRK 2334 theoreo (teh-o-reh'-o)

the advice of a spectator. to discern correctly, to consider a situation and to render a conclusion. to be perceptive

**“that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, also our lives.”**

Put Yourself in their Boat for a minute...

Paul was famous, He was well known... They had heard of him and the faith that he has in His God of all power...

**BUT HE WAS NOT A SAILOR - HE WAS A RABBI**

It's true !!! he was an expert at being shipwrecked

**Why ?**

**Verse 9**

**“The Fast was Past”**

this would have been *the fast on the day of atonement. It's the year 59 which places the day of fasting on Oct. 5, 59 ad. Paul left Caesarea in mid Sept. and did not arrive in Rome until March (6.5 - 7 months later)*

**Paul Discerned the Times & the Seasons of Life**

(was it spring, summer, fall, or was it winter? - it was winter)

b) **The World is Caught Up in Wishful Thinking**

v.11

**The Natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit, they are spiritually discerned**

**The Majority Vote**

**Means Nothing to God**

**SURVEY SAYS**

**“I've Been a Pretty Good Person”**

## Verse 12

### “If By Any Means...”

The World Makes Assumptions  
The World is Emotionally Unstable Today

THEY TESTED THE WIND & EVERYBODY WINTERS IN PHOENIX

- We Need to Wisely Discern Our Situation!
- Do You See Him in It?

Not the Crowd, Not the Family,

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily.

### 3.) God Has Guaranteed Our Delivery *vv. 13-38*

#### a) The Situations of Our lives *v.13-14*

## Euroclydon

1/2 Latin & 1/2 Greek the word means “A NorthEaster”  
Like Our Santa Catalina Winds

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GRK 5189 tuphonikos (too-fo-nee-kos')  
ENG. For typhoon, sea storm, water storm

The Storm Was Coming From The Very

#1 direction they had desired to head towards.

#2 It was God's will that They Make it There.

# As Christian, Our Storms Come From

#1 the very direction we are desiring - Heaven

#2 It is God's will that we make it there..

Acts 14

And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

## b) Paul Kept the Communication Line Open

**We So Often Sever Our** *communication line because of panic. We start cutting this and cutting that until we are accusing God of Physical abuse*

Philippians 4:11

Paul penned this powerful verse

"for I have learned in whatever state I am, there to be content"

Psalms 37:23

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.

Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

John 16:13

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth..."

## Verse 15-19

**SIR WILLIAM RAMSEY** was dispatched by an antichrist, antagonistic group committed to destroy Christianity - he became a Christian over this verse 15

**HE SAW GOD**

**FROM A PURELY GEOGRAPHICAL POINT OF VIEW AND METEOROLOGICAL POINT**

## c) Life will Diminish our Hope - Without God

v.20

### The Situation Stripped Them Of Faith;

- in the helmsmen, • the owner of the ship, • the weather, • the sea had become their enemy and they had lost their way • all navigational charts were lost - the sun & stars

When Hope is lost, life will soon come to an end

- you can go a couple months without food
- you can go 8 to 10 days without water
- you can go 3 to 5 minutes without air
- but you cannot continue a moment longer without hope!

## What Are You Hoping in Today?

Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help

James 1:2

#1, Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, #2, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. #3, Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

In A trial - The Child of God runs to the Lord  
Yielding to temptation - the Child of God runs from the Lord

Trials - come from the Lord  
Temptation - come from the World, Satan or our Flesh

d) Paul's Word was to Comfort Them *vv. 21-29*

Prisoner Paul takes the helm because of Hope, and Becomes  
Captain Paul

Paul always winds up being on top of whatever is going on...

why?

#1 HE IS IN THE WILL OF GOD

#2 HE IS LOOKING FOR GOD IN EVERYTHING

#3 HE IS TOTALLY COMMITTED

**THE JAIL HOUSE ROCK**

Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

**Verse 22**

\* Urge GRK 3867 paraineo (par-ahee-neh'-o)  
to strongly recommend a change, to firmly suggest (encourage someone to take a different course)

**Paul didn't say anything for days....  
until the time was right for Him to give them  
Encouragement**

e) Paul Was Anchored to God *vv. 25*

while all the others were watching the ship come apart - Paul was watching for the Lord...

Where do the little sparrows go  
in a Storm or Hurricane?

**There's Something Here For Us**

What Is Your Response To The Things Of God?

- (1) do you believe in the lord Jesus Christ?
- (2) do you believe that He died and rose again for you?
- (3) do you believe that He took your sins upon Himself at the cross?
- (4) have you come to Him and told Him you're a sinner, in need of Him?

**then you are saved !!!**



but my boat is leaking,

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

But my ship is sinking

Romans 10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

My ship is tossed

John 5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

My ship is Missing - lost at sea

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A mutiny against Themselves -

The self-destruct mode of man

14 days without navigation,

WITHOUT SIGHT, WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP

Just the Promise of God - 14 days

**Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers,  
"Unless these men stay in the ship,  
- you cannot be saved."**

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Human Reason Kicks In... & Instinct Begins to Take Over

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We're Out-a-Here

"That's the Natural thing To Do"

1. My Marriage is difficult
2. My Job is Impossible
3. My Kids are driving me insane

if you look for an 'out' long enough -  
you'll find it by creating one !!!

## My Instincts Too

*"The Story about the Daddy Bird, Mommy Bird & Baby Bird... the first winter storm hit the area and daddy bird looked to the left and to the right and said, my instinct tells me to go south for the winter. Mama bird also looked to the left and to the right and said my instinct tells me to head west for the winter. Next baby bird looked to the left and to the right, up and then down and he said - my end stinks too, but it doesn't tell me which way to go"*

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14:16

A wise man fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident.

The Lord had Decreed that all would be saved... **but the human responsibility to obey was to stay inside the boat**

The Sailors, The Soldiers & Paul  
**A Package Deal**

### Verse 33-34

Let's Trust God & Eat Breakfast

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the Hair on you head- What if your Bald (fuzz)

Matthew 10:29

... But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
(Tree huggers hate this verse)

### Verse 35-38

Paul's Boldness was Based upon The Reality of God!

### Verse 36

They Started Eating "Gladly"  
Because One Man with Them Had Hope of Being Delivered

**"Breaking Bread Together in the Lord"**

### Verse 38

They were all saved... but with great difficulty - but saved none the less!