

THE BOOK OF ACTS

CHAPTER 27:39-28:10

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TITLE:

GOD'S PRICELESS CARGO - PART 2

BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

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."

Paul's Life was Never Static - Never Without an Event

Paul's Life was an Example of what the Christian can expect in this life. Now Paul is certainly an exceptional servant of the Lord and Called to a great ministry!

THIS MORNINGS CRIMINAL - THE GUY WHO WAS ON THE RUN...

The Christian Life was and is Engineered to be a "Dynamic", active overflowing from God's Inpouring of Himself to You, The Believer

Summed Up - "it's Change"

THE WORLD HATES CHANGE - ALOT OF CHRISTIANS HATE CHANGE

Evolution is Only True
in the Life of a Christian

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.... we are being **transformed** into His same image from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the Lord.

Paul Had Suffered many things for Christ

"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

God is Presently, Currently Pouring His word into You - The Day will come when He will settle it into your hearts by trials... - Cheer Up,

Paul had to be thinking about verses in the Old Testament like...

- Isaiah 43:1-2

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you."

LASTWEEK we saw Paul going from being a prisoner of the roman government to being the captain of the ship that he was on

- Paul was their counselor vv. 1-20
- Paul was their Encourager vv. 21-44
- Paul shared God's word with them vv. 22-26
- He gave them a great example "Believing in God" vv. 33-38

this is such a picture of the Christian life...

being in the boat with a couple of brothers but being surrounded by the world...
a panicking world.

But He Had God's word...

"The ship was going down, but if everyone listens to your message Paul, they'll be saved

1.) God Used Paul to Rescue The Others *vv. 39-44*

Their Unfamiliar Surroundings
would have added to their dependence upon God

a) By Paul's Witness and By his Words

Paul's Warning - Paul's Revelations - Paul's Eating....
all of it led to Paul's Effectiveness

“This is exactly what Paul had
said would happen”

THE PROPHETIC WORD

An Angel of the Lord had Spoken to Paul *vv. 23-34*

2 Peter 1:18

THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. **And we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;**

Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done... "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. (John 14)

OUR WORDS & OUR WALK

Matthew 5:13

"You are the salt of the earth;..... 14. "You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Luke 6:46

"But why do you call Me `Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, `Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, `Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, `I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

Is Our Message, Our Life ?

The World Will Judge You Based Upon What You Say and how it matches what you do.... "I Thought You Were a Christian"

John 3:1

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and **“Nic at Night”** said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are **a teacher** come from God; for no one can **do** these things-signs that You **do** unless God is with him."

1.) *God Uses Paul to Rescue The Others* *vv. 39-44*

b) *By Paul Being On Board* *v.42-44*

Roman Law Held *the Custodian Responsible for the welfare of the Prison. Should that Prisoner escape, the Custodian took his place of Judgment*

It's what Paul had in mind when he said...

Galatians 6:14

God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Verse 43

for the sake of Paul the rest of the prisoners were spared

Verse 44a

"... They all had escaped safely to land."

Paul had Proven His God Faithful
&
And The Events Had Proven God Faithful

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen (Package) of Mine to carry My name before Gentiles, kings,
and the children of Israel.

In fourteen days the storm had carried them 600 miles west to Fair Havens, Crete

Verse 44b

The Message was sent to all...
That Paul was labeled 'Priceless Cargo' loved by His God
our God who speaks to us

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

God Speaks Today, Using The Bible !

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you.

our God who Watches over us

I was in Seattle and I saw alongside the road a wood carver who made Totem Poles - various little gods of nature standing on top of each other so the god who watches over them had to be on top so he could see over everybody else!!!

our God who Cares for us

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; and the PEACE of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds

And Paul was Comforted By Him

in the Storm because he had the Promise of God

(Jack, That's Paul. What about me) - GOD'S WILL IS THE SAME FOR YOU

Regardless of the Storm or of Time of day - The sun is always shining somewhere
Moscow is 11-12 Hours ahead of us... our day ahead of us is history to them

Our God who is With us

s n s n s n **Ps. 139:7-12** s n s n s n

You See, Because God is Faithful, I can be Faithful

"Let your light so shine before men, that **they may see** your good works and **glorify your Father** in heaven....

Q:

(how do they glorify God? - was it by approving of your actions or views or was it by attacking them.

Was it by running up and agreeing with you or was it by fighting the truth that you stand for?)

2.) God Uses a Crisis to Glorify His Name *vv. 1-6*

Verse 1

God Had Provided just as Paul had prophesied

* Escaped GRK 1295 diasozo (dee-as-odze'-o
to save thoroughly, to preserve completely
to bring to safe harbor

THE SAME MEANING IS USED IN HEBREWS (THE SOUL-SHIP)

Hebrews 3:19 – 4:1

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore, since a promise remains of entering into His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Verse 2-4

The Maltese believed *that Justice, one of their goddesses had Found Paul and Had Judged him*

I personally believe that Satan was behind this attack to either kill Paul
or to destroy his witness...

Mark 16:17

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out
demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Verse 6

NOTE: THE STABILITY OF PAUL, THE CHRISTIAN

- The Rejection of Paul's Sailing Advise
- The Helmsman & The Ship Owner's Rebuttal
- The Decision to kill the Prisoners
- The Crowds fickle devotion

Paul Remains In Control And Full Of Peace

The secret to Quietness, to Calmness, to Peace is...

Psalm 25:14

The secret of the LORD is with those who **fear** Him,

* fear GRK 3373 yare' (yaw-ray'
to revere as in honor. To be in awe of Him, to hold in highest of regard

3.) God Uses Sickness to Accomplish His Will vv. 7-10

Verse 8

their culture would not have touched the sick...

They believed that the illness or the sin that caused it would pass to you...

GOD HAD PREPARED THEM BACK IN VERSE 6

That Pagan Culture Believed That
The Goddess Nemesis (*Vengeance Or Justice*)
Would Attack The Criminal's Body That Was The Instrument Of Evil...
(Ie. Paul's' Hand)

It is significant that Paul's hands were accused of murder...
God has a plan in store to enlighten their beliefs

* Healed GRK 2390 iaomai (ee-ah'-om-ahee)
to cure, to make whole again. (of Divine Origin) - Dr. Jesus

Verse 9

* Healed GRK 2323 therapeuo (ther-ap-yoo'-o)
to wait upon someone, providing a service (to give out medical attention) (of Natural origins) - Dr. Luke

The First Recorded Medical Missionary work

A Side Note to This...

Yet Paul was Afflicted Often & Not Healed
The Giver is not always the receiver

Beethoven blessed the world
but was deaf himself...

cutting the legs of his piano he would listen to the vibrations on the floor

Verse 10

**WITH THE LAYOVER COMPLETE
PEOPLE HAD BEEN HEALED
275 SAILORS CHANGED
THE GOSPEL IN CRETE**

IT'S TIME TO HEAD FOR ROME...

**DETOURS IN LIFE
ASK ABRAHAM - ASK JACOB - ASK ELIJAH
ASK DANIEL - JEREMIAH - & PETER**

WHAT ABOUT THE GUY NEXT TO YOU....

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

There are things Paul saw in Jesus...
There are things we see in Paul...
It's the things that world sees in Us....