



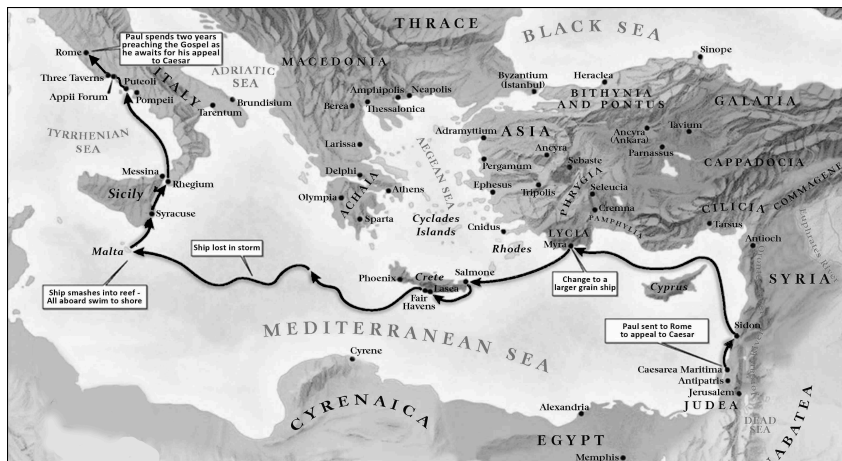
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Scared to Go
Acts 27

Jesus didn't call His disciples to be busy. Jesus called His disciples to go.

Matthew 28:19-20 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

II Cor. 11:23-28 *Are they servants of Christ?-- I speak as if insane-- I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. 24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; 27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.*



A Scary Journey:

- From Sidon: The winds were contrary (V. 4)
- From Myra: Sailing was slow and progress was difficult (V. 7)
- From Cnidus: The wind would not permit us to go further (V. 7)
- From Fair Havens: The voyage was now dangerous (V. 9)
- Now after October 5, 59 AD (V. 9)
 - Mediterranean Dangerous Sailing: Sept. 14 – Nov 11
 - Mediterranean Prohibited Sailing: After Nov 11
- Captain and Crew wanted to continue to Phoenix (V. 11)
- The ship was caught in a violent Nor'easter and driven out to sea (V. 14)
- Death seemed certain (V. 20)
- For 14 days they were lost at sea (V. 27)
- Finally they wrecked on a reef off of Malta (V. 40)
- 276 people had to swim to shore (V. 44)

Acts 27:21-25 *When they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete and incurred this damage and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, 24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' 25 Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told."*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What scares you in your current life?
2. When has fear kept you from going forward in some area of life? When has fear kept you from stepping out in your faith to do what Christ has called you to do?
3. How would your life change if you knew that Christ would get you through whatever you faced in life? What would look different if you acted on that belief?
4. What would you do if you knew that nothing could separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ?

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