



LIVE - Believe Boldly

Week 3: 'Declare His Promises'

Acts 27:1, 4a, 7-10, 13-26, 39-44

1 When the time came, we set sail for Italy. Paul and several other prisoners were placed in the custody of a Roman officer named Julius, a captain of the Imperial Regiment.

4a Putting out to sea from there, we encountered strong headwinds that made it difficult to keep the ship on course,

7 We had several days of slow sailing, and after great difficulty we finally neared Cnidus. But the wind was against us, so we sailed across to Crete and along the sheltered coast of the island, past the cape of Salmone. 8 We struggled along the coast with great difficulty and finally arrived at Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea. 9 We had lost a lot of time. The weather was becoming dangerous for sea travel because it was so late in the fall, and Paul spoke to the ship's officers about it.

10 "Men," he said, "I believe there is trouble ahead if we go on—shipwreck, loss of cargo, and danger to our lives as well."

13 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. 14 But the weather changed abruptly, and a wind of typhoon strength (called a "northeaster") burst across the island and blew us out to sea. 15 The sailors couldn't turn the ship into the wind, so they gave up and let it run before the gale.

16 We sailed along the sheltered side of a small island named Cauda, where with great difficulty we hoisted aboard the lifeboat being towed behind us. 17 Then the sailors bound ropes around the hull of the ship to strengthen it. They were afraid of being driven across to the sandbars of Syrtis off the African coast, so they lowered the sea anchor to slow the ship and were driven before the wind.

18 The next day, as gale-force winds continued to batter the ship, the crew began throwing the cargo overboard. 19 The following day they even took some of the ship's gear and threw it overboard. 20 The terrible storm raged for many days, blotting out the sun and the stars, until at last all hope was gone.

21 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 and not left Crete. You would have avoided all this damage and loss. 22 But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down. 23 For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me, 24 and he said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What's more, God in his goodness has granted safety to everyone sailing with you.' 25 So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said. 26 But we will be shipwrecked on an island."

39 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. 40 So they cut off the anchors and left them in the sea. Then they lowered the rudders, raised the foresail, and headed toward shore. 41 But they hit a shoal and ran the ship aground too soon. The bow of the ship stuck fast, while the stern was repeatedly smashed by the force of the waves and began to break apart.

42 The soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners to make sure they didn't swim ashore and escape. 43 But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn't let them carry out their plan. Then he ordered all who could swim to jump overboard first and make for land. 44 The others held on to planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore.

Prayer Requests



Lawrence Johnson
Jean Tinch
Donna Parrett

Harold Gordon
Becky Jefferson
Theo Atwood (Donna Parrett's great grandbaby)

Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks. If you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know.

**A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.



Vitals for May 21

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$3,409

Sunday School - 33
Morning Service - 61

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office



If you haven't already registered for camp, make sure you get signed up. If you need the 50% off code, contact the church office.

6:00 pm in the large classroom

The NIV Harmony of the Gospels

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Read pages 29-56

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WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT RYAN'S TRIP TO ISRAEL?

Tentative date is June 25 with lunch after the service. He will then present thoughts, photos and take questions.



June 11, 2023

New Heights will recognize and honor graduates from high school & college. This will also be promotion Sunday for the younger children.

If you have a graduate, please see Alea to submit photos for the service by June 4.

