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PART 10

The Book of ACTS

VOLUME TWO:
PEOPLE OF PRAISE

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PART 10

Proclaim the
Kingdom and
Praise the Lord

ACTS 28:1-31



WHERE WE'RE GOING...

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed [in Rome] in his own rented house & welcomed all who came to see him.

³¹ He **PROCLAIMED** the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—
WITH ALL BOLDNESS and **WITHOUT HINDRANCE!**

*The Book of Acts models for us how to
PROCLAIM & PRAISE GOD...*

1) **...WITH ALL BOLDNESS** vv.1-15

2) **...WITHOUT HINDRANCE** vv.16-31

(1)

...*WITH*

ALL BOLDNESS

vv. 1-15

WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST WEEK, IN ACTS 27...

Despite a devastating shipwreck decimating their vessel, Paul and all those he was traveling to Italia with survived the disintegration of their ship. They all safely reached the shore of Malta (an island off the Italian coast, in the central Mediterranean between Sicily & North Africa), just as God had promised Paul.

PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME ACTS 27:1 - 28:16 AD 59-60

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- (6) Fair Havens 27:8
- (7) Malta 28:1
- (8) Syracuse 28:12
- (9) Rhegium 28:13
- (10) Puteoli 28:13
- (11) Forum of Appius 28:15
- (12) Three Taverns 28:15
- (13) Rome 28:16

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¹ Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called **Malta**. ² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire & welcomed us all because it was raining & cold. ³ **Paul gathered a pile of brushwood &, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand.** ⁴ When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "**This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.**" ⁵ **But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.** ⁶ The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but **after waiting a long time & seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds & said he was a god.**

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⁷ There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home & showed us generous hospitality for three days. ⁸ His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever & dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. ⁹ When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came & were cured.

¹⁰ They honored us in many ways; & when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed. ¹¹ **After three months we put out to sea in a ship that had wintered in the island—** it was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor & Pollux. ¹² We put in at **Syracuse** & stayed there three days. ¹³ From there we set sail & arrived at **Rhegium**. The next day the

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south wind came up, & on the following day we reached Puteoli.

¹⁴ There we found some [Christian] brothers & sisters who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome.

¹⁵ The brothers & sisters there had heard that we were coming, & they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius & the Three Taverns [*ANCIENT ROMAN POST STATION SETTLEMENTS ABOUT 40 MILES & 33 MILES, (RESPECTIVELY) SE OF ROME ON THE APPIAN WAY*] to meet us. At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged.

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT GRANTS
BOLDNESS TO PROCLAIM
THE KINGDOM WITH
SUPERNATURAL SURETY,
SIGNS & WONDERS.**

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WHEN PEOPLE ENCOUNTER THIS
SUPERNATURAL BOLDNESS

MANY BEGIN TO ENGAGE IN

SPIRITUAL PRAISE

TO THE LIVING GOD.

(2)

*...WITHOUT
HINDRANCE*

vv. 16-31

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¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him. ¹⁷ Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: "My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem & handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸ They examined me & wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. ¹⁹ The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people. ²⁰ For this reason I have asked to see you & talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

²¹ They replied, "We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, & none of our people who have come from there has report-

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-ed or said anything bad about you. ²² But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect."

²³ They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, & came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the Kingdom of God, & from the Law of Moses & from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. ²⁴ Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. ²⁵ They disagreed among themselves & began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when He said through Isaiah the prophet: ²⁶ *"Go to this people & say, 'You will be ever hearing but never under-*

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*-standing; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.'*²⁷ **For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, & they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts & turn, and I would heal them**" [Is 6:9-10 LXX].²⁸

Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!"

²⁹ [SOME MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDE HERE: After he said this, the Jews left, arguing vigorously among themselves.]

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WITH ALL BOLDNESS and WITHOUT HINDRANCE!

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THE HOLY SPIRIT
REMOVES BARRIERS
TO PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM
& EMPOWERS OUR WITNESS
IN *EVERY* CIRCUMSTANCE.

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THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT,
HINDRANCES BECOME
HELPS FOR PROCLAIMING
THE KINGDOM AND FOR
PRAISING THE LORD!

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1) ...WITH ALL BOLDNESS

v.1-15

TRUST & RELY UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SUPERNATURAL BOLDNESS TO PERSEVERE, PRAY, & PROCLAIM HIS PRAISE, THROUGH WHICH OTHER PEOPLE WILL BE HEALED & SAVED!

2) ...WITHOUT HINDRANCE

v.16-31

SEEK & EXPECT THE HOLY SPIRIT'S HELP TO ENABLE YOUR EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE, NO MATTER HOW CHALLENGING, TO BECOME AN OPEN OPPORTUNITY TO PROCLAIM & PRAISE!



IN ALL YOU DO...

PROCLAIM the KINGDOM
& PRAISE the LORD!

