

Living Out God's Blueprint TODAY

Journeying through the

Book of Acts VII

Acts 25²³ – 28³¹

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Dear Family

Preparing for the season

As we prayerfully and contemplatively go through the Book of Acts, we notice how Paul sought to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. We read *Paul determined in the Spirit* to go to Jerusalem. In every city, the Holy Spirit clearly and emphatically warned him that imprisonment and suffering awaited him in Jerusalem. The warning did not stop Paul from going to Jerusalem but served to prepare him. What would later befall him in Jerusalem was therefore not a surprise. It was expected.

When in March, the United Kingdom was locked down, many probably thought it would be over in a few weeks or months but now the talk is about a second wave of the pandemic. This extra-ordinary situation may last much longer than previously anticipated. With so many uncertainties locally, nationally, and globally, the importance of tuning our hearts to what the Spirit is saying cannot be overemphasised. We should expect to receive revelation and strategy not only to cope but to thrive.

As we listen, process and act on what the Spirit says, we will develop the necessary wisdom, resilience, and tenacity for the journey. This is both an individual and collective responsibility. Some food for thought:

-  How are you as an individual [and together as a body] learning / developing ears to listen to the Spirit?
-  How are you as an individual connecting with other Believers since we are made for community, relationships, and accountability?
-  Practising the reading and applying of Scripture in relationship with others!
-  Looking after our physical and mental health through healthy patterns of exercise and nutrition!
-  Planning in the present for the future – spiritually, relationally, emotionally, financially!

May grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Harold



How much of what you have read, heard, and prayed about, in the last month, have you done?

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

[James 1:22-24, NLT]

So far

2020 has been an unusual year. In the third month, most of the world was locked down because of the coronavirus pandemic. Our early morning prayer - at 6am - moved online as we continued with our *Journey Through Acts*. It was like we were divinely prepared for the unprecedented season. The daily prayer became a network of support and fellowship. A few of the saints, here, share how they have been impacted on this journey so far.

Tracey Mauge

Going through Acts together with my brothers and sisters has had a huge impact on me. What a huge example Paul is to us all! Whilst the trials and circumstances I have been and am currently facing cannot even begin to compare one iota to what Paul endured, I have been so edified, encouraged, strengthened and built up as we have journeyed through Acts together as a family and learnt all that Paul walked through following his radical encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus.

Wow, wow and another wow! How can we not be changed, challenged, and inspired? My faith levels have just rocketed. Really believing, more than ever before, that I truly stand in a place of Victory, that my God is a God of Justice, that He sees the bigger picture and He knows the plans He has for me and I need not fear!

On a final note I would say that my quiet little meow is fast becoming a mighty ROAR! 🐱

Denest Akintaju

I have been challenged and encouraged by the way the apostles engaged with the Holy Spirit intentionally. I have learnt that the Holy Spirit's presence in my life is not just speaking in tongues but that he is there to do much more; to help me become more and more like Jesus.

The second lesson is faith in the name of Jesus: This was highlighted strongly in my heart when we shared Acts chapter 3. I realise I must meditate on the name, knowing that I have been given the mandate to use it. I need to

improve on this. I want to be able to achieve the same results the apostles had.

Thirdly, I see in Paul a determined person sold all out for the cause of Christ. That is who I want to be for the Lord, being strong and secure in my identity in Christ and rooted in God's love. Not being moved by what I see or feel but deepening my foundation in the word of God. A lot of truths that I knew before had been revealed afresh in my heart from our study of the book of Acts. I am able to say like he said in his letter to the Philippian church, "I do not count myself to have arrived, but this one thing I do, forgetting the things that are past I press on to the things that are ahead...". As we continue in our studies in Acts, I am encouraged to do this more and more.

Ann Barnes

Yes, it is amazing I have learnt so much that I wonder where I have been all these years!! And with the Holy Spirit the Bible is so real as words from the verses speak out to me as never before.

Maureen Evans

My experience of journeying through Acts and being part of early morning prayer is just such a blessing as I have been so encouraged and inspired as we go through different chapters by the amazing courage zeal, vision, strength, and absolute commitment Paul had in the face of opposition, beatings, jail and all kinds of hardship yet he remained focused.

When I listen to different brothers and sisters bring their interpretation it blesses me and helps me see more clearly. Personally, I have grown in my outlook and confidence in who I am in Christ. 🙏🔥

Dorothy & Ade Adetukasi

A major benefit is the lessons learnt from one of the key characters "Paul". He was a man who endured hardship and was faithful during trials as well as to the cause for which he was called. 🙏

Hear & Do - Key elements

Every Christian can hear God's voice.

John 10:27 *"My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me..."*

Every Christian is to hear and obey.

Matthew 7: 24 *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

What is God saying?

What am I going to do about it?

God speaks in many ways:

- Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Audibly: Acts 8:26, 9:15, Jeremiah 1:7 for example.
- Events/Circumstances: Mark 1:15- Kairos moments when you know God is near/speaking.
- Through the Holy Spirit: John 14:26.
- Through other believers: 1 Corinthians 14:3.
- Through many other ways including creation, preaching, silence.

How can I hear God's voice?

Always start with Scripture. (see SOAP help sheet for more tips)

Scripture - Read the text

Observation - What does the passage tell us about God, His people, and/or life?

- What are the promises, principles, commands, or warnings?

Application - What is God saying TO ME and what AM I going to do about?

- Who can I share with what I have learnt before next week?

Prayer - Prayer is a two-way conversation with God, listening and doing.

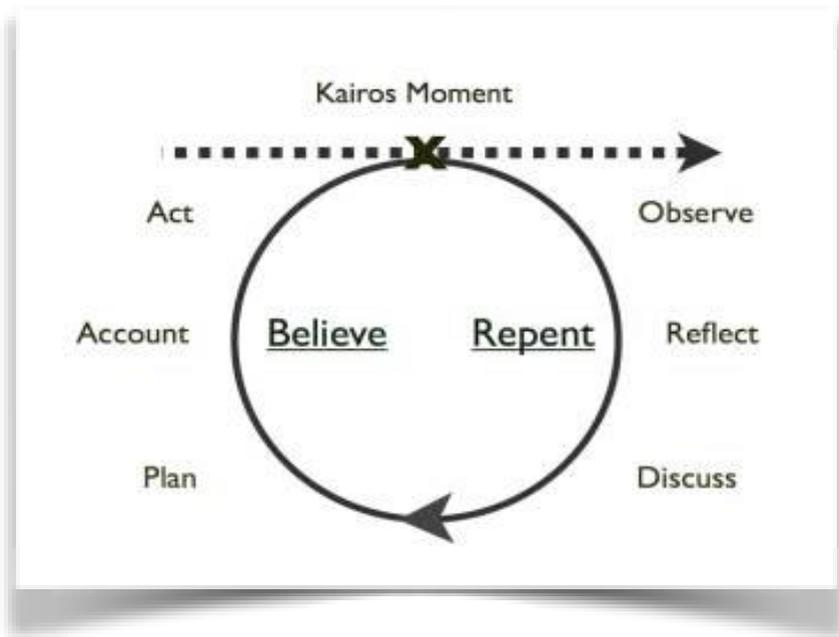
- Thanksgiving is key aspect of prayer

Explore a variety of ways, e.g. go for a walk together and spend time listening for God to speak through creation or create an environment of worship, thanking God that he speaks and asking him if there are any Scriptures/pictures/words he wants to share with those present.

- Spend time with others e.g. Listening together on a Sun, morning
- Join the next Prophecy Course

A Helpful tool... The Kairos Circle

The first part of the circle helps us ask What is God saying? and the second half helps us plan to do something about it



Using the circle...

- Spend time asking God what *kairos* moment he is speaking about: a Bible verse, an event, a conversation etc.
- Observe what God could be saying and reflect what that means to you.
- Discuss it with others and begin to move into a plan of how to apply this to your life.
- Share what God is saying with others and asking them to help you and remind you/hold you to account to do this will produce much fruit.

Living the Truth - Key elements

This tool accompanies the **Hear & Do** tool. Often the biggest blockage to us responding fully to what God is saying is an incorrect belief about God or ourselves. The following two questions - a derivative of the discipling questions *What is God saying & What am I going to do about it?* - help with unlocking the lies and replacing them with truth.

When God gets our attention (a kairos moment) it's the truth we need to hear.

John 8:32 *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Colossians 2:8 *"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ."*

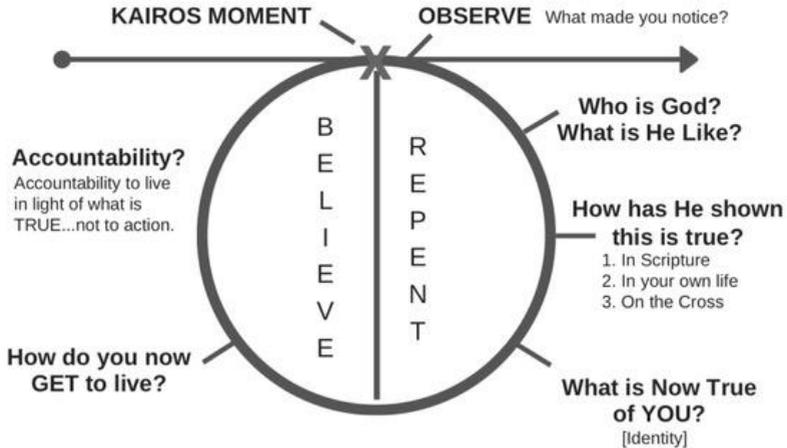
A lie is an enemy stronghold in our lives.

2 Corinthians 10:4 *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*

What lie am I believing?

What is God's truth about me or this situation?

The Circle



Kairos Circle - lies, truth & identity

Starting with God and his truth helps us to live in the truth rather than on the emotion of the moment.

- From the truth about God we move to ourselves and understand the truth about ourselves (our true identity) in the light of who God is and who he says we are.
- From this we move to ask the great question, *how do we now get to live?* It's a joy, not a burden. It's a freedom. Something we *get* to do rather than something we *ought* to do.
- Accountability now emphasises the need to live in the truth rather than simply to be accountable for a certain action.

Mon, 2nd Nov – Festus addresses Agrippa

Acts 25:23-27 (NLT)

²³ So the next day Agrippa and Bernice arrived at the auditorium with great pomp, accompanied by military officers and prominent men of the city. Festus ordered that Paul be brought in. ²⁴ Then Festus said, “King Agrippa and all who are here, this is the man whose death is demanded by all the Jews, both here and in Jerusalem.



²⁵ But in my opinion he has done nothing deserving death. However, since he appealed his case to the emperor, I have decided to send him to Rome. ²⁶ “But what shall I write the emperor? For there is no clear charge against him. So I have brought him before all of you, and especially you, King Agrippa, so that after we examine him, I might have something to write. ²⁷ For it makes no sense to send a prisoner to the emperor without specifying the charges against him!”

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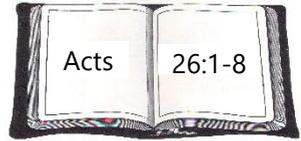
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Tue, 3rd Nov – Paul’s Defence Before Agrippa

Acts 26:1-8 (NLT)



¹ Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You may speak in your defence.” So Paul, gesturing with his hand, started his defence:

² “I am fortunate, King Agrippa, that you are the one hearing my defence today against all these accusations made by the Jewish leaders, ³ for I know you are an expert on all Jewish customs and controversies. Now please listen to me patiently!

⁴ “As the Jewish leaders are well aware, I was given a thorough Jewish training from my earliest childhood among my own people and in Jerusalem.

⁵ If they would admit it, they know that I have been a member of the Pharisees, the strictest sect of our religion.

⁶ Now I am on trial because of my hope in the fulfilment of God’s promise made to our ancestors.

⁷ In fact, that is why the twelve tribes of Israel zealously worship God night and day, and they share the same hope I have. Yet, Your Majesty, they accuse me for having this hope! ⁸ Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?

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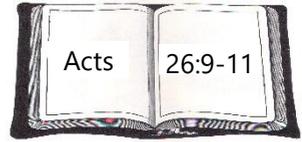
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Wed, 4th Nov – “I once opposed what I now embrace”

Acts 26:9-11 (NLT)

⁹ “I used to believe that I ought to do everything I could to oppose the very name of Jesus the Nazarene.



¹⁰ Indeed, I did just that in Jerusalem. Authorized by the leading priests, I caused many believers there to be sent to prison. And I cast my vote against them when they were condemned to death.

¹¹ Many times I had them punished in the synagogues to get them to curse Jesus. I was so violently opposed to them that I even chased them down in foreign cities.

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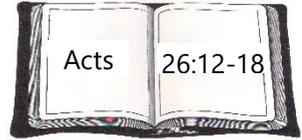
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Thu, 5th Nov – “But one day I encountered Christ”

Acts 26:12-18 (NLT)



¹² “One day I was on such a mission to Damascus, armed with the authority and commission of the leading priests. ¹³About

noon, Your Majesty, as I was on the road, a light from heaven brighter than the sun shone down on me and my companions.

¹⁴ We all fell down, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is useless for you to fight against my will.’

¹⁵ “‘Who are you, lord?’ I asked. “And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. ¹⁶ Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. You are to tell the world what you have seen and what I will show you in the future. ¹⁷ And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.’

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Fri, 6th Nov – “Now I testify to everyone”

Acts 26:19-25 (NLT)



¹⁹ “And so, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. ²⁰ I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.

²¹ Some Jews arrested me in the Temple for preaching this, and they tried to kill me.

²² But God has protected me right up to this present time so I can testify to everyone, from the least to the greatest. I teach nothing except what the prophets and Moses said would happen— ²³ that the Messiah would suffer and be the first to rise from the dead, and in this way announce God’s light to Jews and Gentiles alike.”

²⁴ Suddenly, Festus shouted, “Paul, you are insane. Too much study has made you crazy!” ²⁵ But Paul replied, “I am not insane, Most Excellent Festus. What I am saying is the sober truth.

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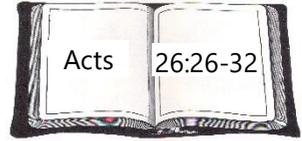
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Sat, 7th Nov – Paul Preaches at his trial

Acts 26:26-32 (NLT)

²⁶ And King Agrippa knows about these things. I speak boldly, for I am sure these events are all familiar to him, for they were not done in a corner! ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do—”



²⁸ Agrippa interrupted him. “Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian so quickly?” ²⁹ Paul replied, “Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that both you and everyone here in this audience might become the same as I am, except for these chains.”

³⁰ Then the king, the governor, Bernice, and all the others stood and left. ³¹ As they went out, they talked it over and agreed, “This man hasn’t done anything to deserve death or imprisonment.”

³² And Agrippa said to Festus, “He could have been set free if he hadn’t appealed to Caesar.”

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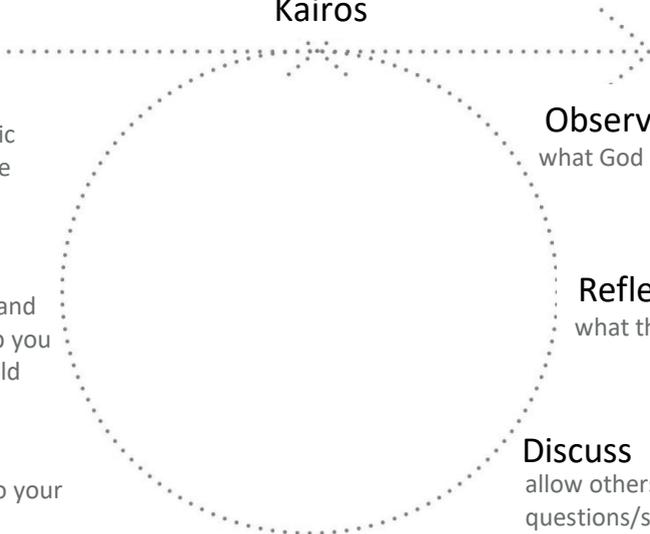
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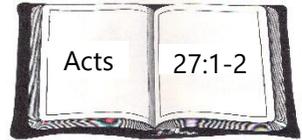
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Mon, 9th Nov – Paul Sails for Rome

Acts 27:1-2 (NLT)

¹When 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.

²Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was also with us. We left on a ship whose home port was Adramyttium on the northwest coast of the province of Asia; it was scheduled to make several stops at ports along the coast of the province.



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Tue, 10th Nov – A Storm at Sea

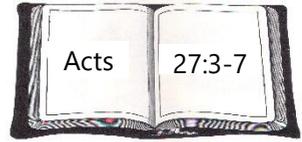
Acts 27:3-7 (NLT)

³The next day when we docked at Sidon, Julius was very kind to Paul and let him go ashore to visit with friends so they

could provide for his needs. ⁴Putting out to sea from there, we encountered strong headwinds that made it difficult to keep the ship on course, so we sailed north of Cyprus between the island and the mainland. ⁵Keeping to the open sea, we passed along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, landing at Myra, in the province of Lycia.

⁶There the commanding officer found an Egyptian ship from Alexandria that was bound for Italy, and he put us on board.

⁷We 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.



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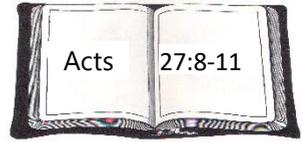
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Wed, 11th Nov – Paul’s Advice Ignored

Acts 27:8-11 (NLT)

⁸ We struggled along the coast with great difficulty and finally arrived at Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea. ⁹We 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.” ¹¹But the officer in charge of the prisoners listened more to the ship’s captain and the owner than to Paul.

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Thu, 12th Nov – Storm-Tossed Ship

Acts 27:12-17 (NLT)

¹² And since Fair Havens was an exposed harbour—a poor place to spend the winter—most of the crew wanted to go on to Phoenix, farther up the coast of Crete, and spend the winter there. Phoenix was a good harbour with only a southwest and northwest exposure.

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”) caught the ship and blew it out to sea.

¹⁵ They 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. ¹⁷Then 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.



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Fri, 13th Nov – Storm Rages On

Acts 27:18-20 (NLT)

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.



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Sat, 14th Nov – An Angel Appears to Paul

Acts 27:21-26 (NLT)

²¹No 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.”



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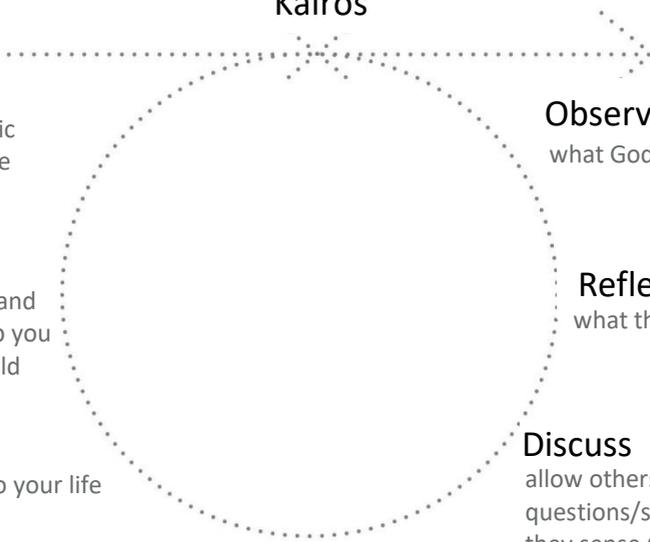
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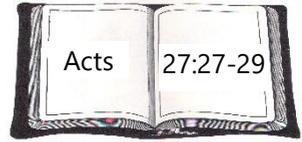
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Mon, 16th Nov – Land in Sight?

Acts 27:27-29 (NLT)

²⁷ About midnight on the fourteenth night of the storm, as we were being driven across the Sea of Adria, the sailors sensed land was near.



²⁸ They dropped a weighted line and found that the water was 120 feet deep. But a little later they measured again and found it was only 90 feet deep.

²⁹ At this rate they were afraid we would soon be driven against the rocks along the shore, so they threw out four anchors from the back of the ship and prayed for daylight.

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Tue, 17th Nov – Paul Warns Again

Acts 27:30-32 (NLT)

³⁰ Then the sailors tried to abandon the ship; they lowered the lifeboat as though they were going to put out anchors from the front of the ship.



³¹ But Paul said to the commanding officer and the soldiers, “You will all die unless the sailors stay aboard.”

³² So the soldiers cut the ropes to the lifeboat and let it drift away.

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Wed, 18th Nov – Paul Encourages Fellow Passengers

Acts 27:33-37 (NLT)

³³ Just as day was dawning, Paul urged everyone to eat. “You have been so worried that you haven’t touched food for two weeks,” he said.



³⁴ “Please eat something now for your own good. For not a hair of your heads will perish.”

³⁵ Then he took some bread, gave thanks to God before them all, and broke off a piece and ate it. ³⁶ Then everyone was encouraged and began to eat— ³⁷ all 276 of us who were on board.

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Thu, 19th Nov – They Sight Land

Acts 27:38-39 (NLT)

³⁸ After eating, the crew lightened the ship further by throwing the cargo of wheat overboard.

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.



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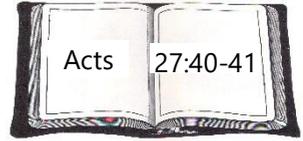
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Fri, 20th Nov – The Shipwreck

Acts 27:40-41 (NLT)

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.



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Sat, 21st Nov – Ashore Safely

Acts 27:42-44 (NLT)

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 onto planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore.



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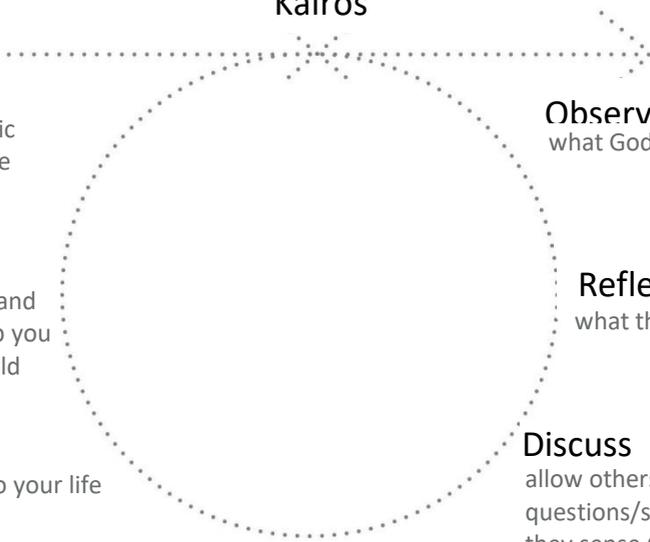
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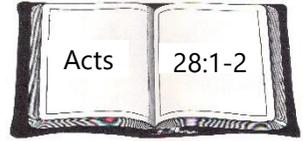
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Mon, 23rd Nov – Malta's Hospitality

Acts 28:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Once we were safe on shore, we learned that we were on the island of Malta.

² The people of the island were very kind to us. It was cold and rainy, so they built a fire on the shore to welcome us.



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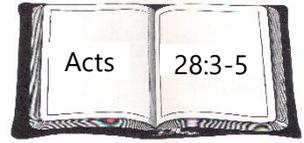
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Tue, 24th Nov – Paul Bitten by a Poisonous Snake

Acts 28:3-5 (NLT)

³ As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand.



⁴ The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, “A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live.”

⁵ But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed.

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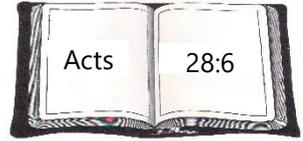
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Wed, 25th Nov – Paul is regarded as a god

Acts 28:6 (NLT)

⁶The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god.



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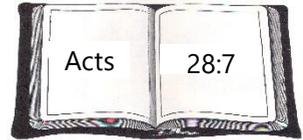
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Thu, 26th Nov – Island Chief’s Hospitality

Acts 28:7 (NLT)

⁷ Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us and treated us kindly for three days.



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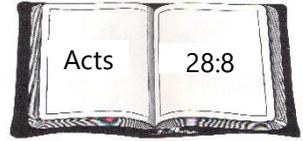
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Fri, 27th Nov – A Ministry Opportunity in Malta

Acts 28:8 (NLT)

⁸ As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him.



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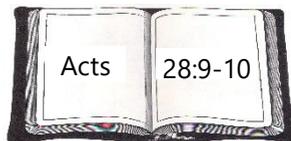
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Sat, 28th Nov – Healing the Sick in Malta

Acts 28:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed. ¹⁰ As a result we were showered with honours, and when the time came to sail, people supplied us with everything we would need for the trip.



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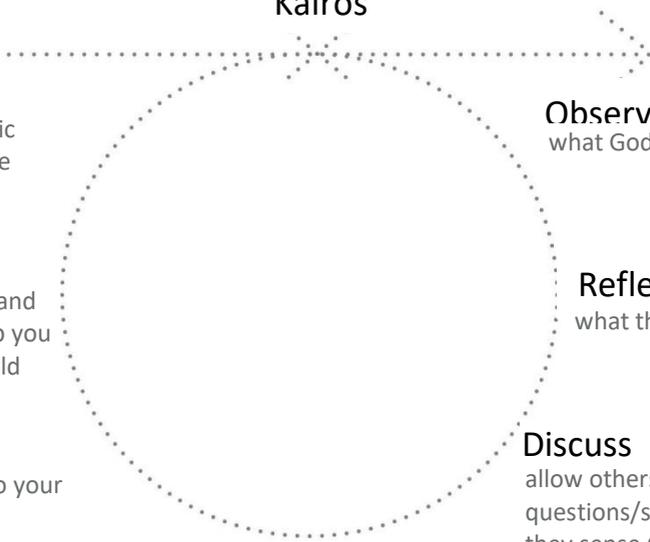
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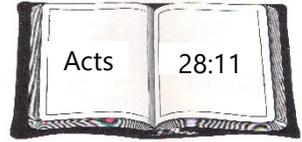
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Mon, 30th Nov – Bye to Malta

Acts 28:11 (NLT)

¹¹ It was three months after the shipwreck that we set sail on another ship that had wintered at the island—an Alexandrian ship with the twin gods as its figurehead.



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Tue, 1st Dec – Stop-overs on the Way

Acts 28:12-13 (NLT)

¹² Our first stop was Syracuse, where we stayed three days.

¹³ From there we sailed across to Rhegium. A day later a south wind began blowing, so the following day we sailed up the coast to Puteoli.



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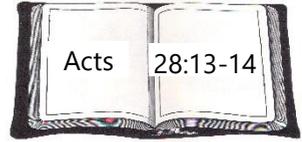
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Wed, 2nd Dec – Rome at Last

Acts 28:13-14 (NLT)

¹³ From there we sailed across to Rhegium. A day later a south wind began blowing, so the following day we sailed up the coast to Puteoli.

¹⁴ There we found some believers, who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome.



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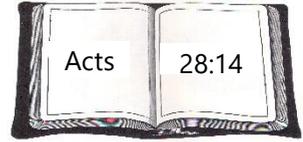
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Thu, 3rd Dec – Time with Fellow Believers

Acts 28:14 (NLT)

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Fri, 4th Dec – Paul is Welcome to Rome

Acts 28:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴ There we found some believers, who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome.



¹⁵ The brothers and sisters in Rome had heard we were coming, and they came to meet us at the Forum on the Appian Way. Others joined us at The Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he was encouraged and thanked God.

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Sat, 5th Dec – Kept under House Arrest

Acts 28:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ When we arrived in Rome, Paul was permitted to have his own private lodging, though he was guarded by a soldier.



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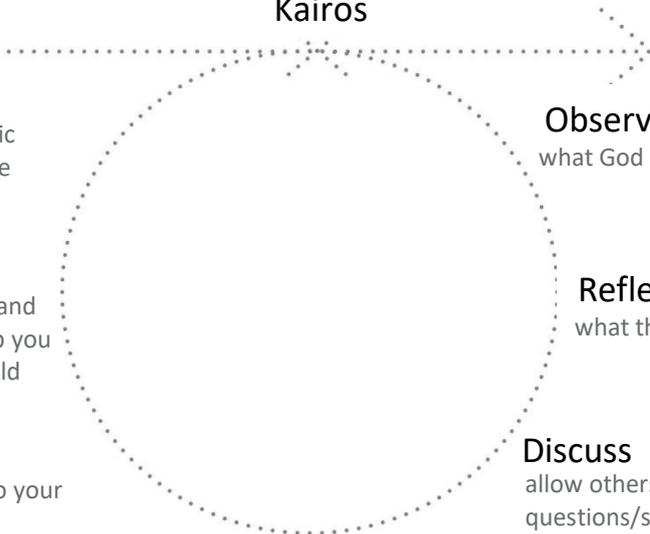
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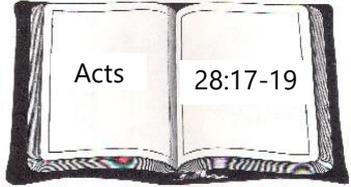
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Mon, 7th Dec – Paul Calls for Local Jewish Leaders

Acts 28:17-19 (NLT)

¹⁷ Three days after Paul's arrival, he called together the local Jewish leaders. He said to them, "Brothers, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Roman government, even though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors.



¹⁸ The Romans tried me and wanted to release me, because they found no cause for the death sentence.

¹⁹ But when the Jewish leaders protested the decision, I felt it necessary to appeal to Caesar, even though I had no desire to press charges against my own people.

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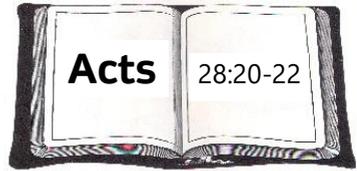
Tue, 8th Dec – Paul Preaches Christ at Rome

Acts 28:20-22 (NLT)

²⁰ I asked you to come here today so we could get acquainted and so I could explain to you that I am bound with this chain because I believe that the hope of Israel—the Messiah—has already come.”

²¹ They replied, “We have had no letters from Judea or reports against you from anyone who has come here.

²² But we want to hear what you believe, for the only thing we know about this movement is that it is denounced everywhere.”



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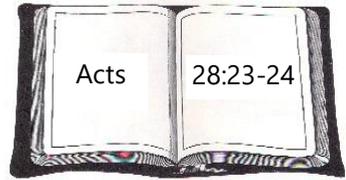
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Wed, 9th Dec – Paul Preaches the Kingdom of God

Acts 28:23-24 (NLT)

²³ So a time was set, and on that day a large number of people came to Paul's lodging. He explained and testified about the Kingdom of God and tried to persuade them about Jesus from the Scriptures. Using the law of Moses and the books of the prophets, he spoke to them from morning until evening.



²⁴ Some were persuaded by the things he said, but others did not believe.

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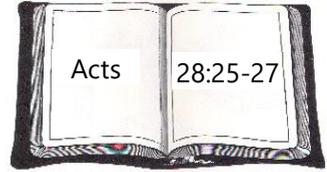
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Thu, 10th Dec – Hardened Hearts, Deaf Ears & Closed Eyes

Acts 28:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ And after they had argued back and forth among themselves, they left with this final word from Paul: “The Holy Spirit was right when he said to your ancestors through Isaiah the prophet,

²⁶ ‘Go and say to this people: When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. ²⁷ For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.’



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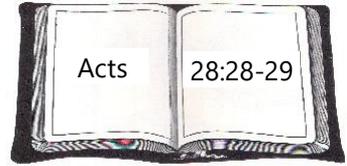
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Fri, 11th Dec – Salvation is Available to Gentiles

Acts 28:28 (NLT)

²⁸So I want you to know that this salvation from God has also been offered to the Gentiles, and they will accept it.”



Some manuscripts do not contain this verse] ²⁹ After he said these things, the Jews departed, while engaging in a prolonged debate among themselves.

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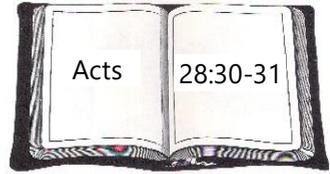
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Sat, 12th Dec – Unstoppable Kingdom

Acts 28:30-31 (NLT)

³⁰ For the next two years, Paul lived in Rome at his own expense. He welcomed all who visited him, ³¹ boldly proclaiming the Kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. And no one tried to stop him.



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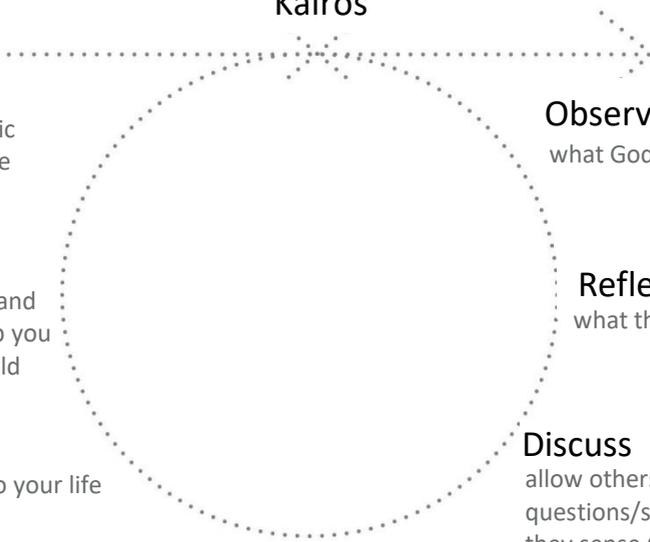
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