

# PAUL'S LAST MIRACLE

Acts 28:7-10





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# Background

- On his way to Rome, Paul is shipwrecked on the island of Melita (Malta).
- Paul encountered the generous hospitality of the Roman governor, Publius. He “lodged us 3 days courteously.” v.7
- Paul takes advantage of God’s opportunities.



# Explanation of the miracle

V.7 “chief man of the island,” Publius means “common or popular.” NOTE: Publius’ actions:

*\*received Paul and showed him hospitality\**

V.8 Publius’ father suffered from dysentery. NOTE: Paul’s actions:

*\*1) entered, 2) prayed, 3) laid his hands on him, and 4) GOD healed him\** Common practice with apostles, **Acts 9:40**



# Explanation of the miracle

V.9 Afterwards, others came and were healed.

V.10 As a result, Paul's group was honored and shown gratitude and respect. *3 different views of shipwreck*

\*Julius' (centurion Acts 27:1) view: unavoidable delay, hinderance

\*Paul's view: opportunity to glorify God and speak the gospel

\*Publius view: unforgettable, divine appointment, salvation received

Shipwreck = not harm. "Inconvenience?" "Detour?" "Hinderance?"

THOUGHT QUESTION: Do we willingly accept His "detours?"



# Application of the miracle

\*It is never too late to be hospitable.

Paul could have passed by or ignored the situation (**Luke 10**) but took advantage of the opportunity. **Galatians 6:9-10. Colossians 4:5**

\*Christian service is defined by compassion.

Christian service is one of compassion, **1 Corinthians 13; John 3:16.**  
We must be willing and able to help those in their moment of need, not when it is convenient for us. **Isaiah 6:8; 1 Peter 4:10**



# Application of the miracle

\*Our acts of kindness furnish us with blessings.

Is our kindness done with any expectations? What have we freely given to God? **James 4:17; 2 Corinthians 9:7**

\*We must find ways to be of service.

No matter what the circumstances, we can serve the Lord,  
and we can serve others. **Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10**



# Conclusion

Through persistence and perseverance, we can be better servants and become more hospitable stewards of God's blessings. Have you taken ahold of your opportunities? Why not make the changes you need?





# Invitation

## Lost

HEAR Romans 10:17

BELIEVE John 3:16

REPENT Luke 13:3

CONFESS Romans 10:10

BE BAPTIZED Acts 2:38

## Fallen

ACTS 8:22 1 JOHN 1:9

REPENT

CONFESS SINS TO GOD

PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS