

JOURNEY TO ROME  
(ACTS 27-28)  
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*Three aspects of Paul's journey to Rome that we see in Acts 27-28 are relationships, peace, and power. Holy Spirit can equip you with each of these for your journey if you're willing to surrender your destination to him.*

**1. Relationships are built through service (27:1-3).**

- How I treat people matters.
  - Acts 14:21-22
  - Acts 15:41
  - Acts 16:25-34, 40
  - Acts 18:23
  - Acts 20:1
- I invest into eternity through serving people.
  - Matthew 5-7
  - Colossians 3:1-4
  - 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

**2. Peace comes through listening.**

- I might not be at peace because I haven't stopped talking long enough to hear Holy Spirit.
  - Acts 27:9-12, 21-22, 30-32, 42-44
- Holy Spirit speaks to those who seek him.
  - Acts 27:22-25, 28:7-10, 14-16, 23
- Holy Spirit doesn't interrupt selfish people
  - Acts 28:25-27

**3. Power comes through trust.**

- When I trust what God says, circumstances lose control of my emotions.
  - Acts 28:1-5
- When I trust who God is, limitations lose control of my belief.
  - Acts 28:7-10
- When I trust what God is doing, suffering loses control of my hope.
  - Acts 28:20
- When I trust that God is with me, passivity loses control of my confidence.
  - Acts 28:28-31

1. What are some things you consider before going on a trip? What makes you anxious? What gives you peace?

Regarding Paul's journey to Rome (recorded in Acts 27-28) what were some of the fears and unknowns he faced?

2. Read Acts 27:3. Julius was a Roman Centurion and Paul was a prisoner under his watch. Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him permission to leave and be cared for by his friends. Discuss the significance of the following ideas:

- Why did Julius treat Paul kindly?
- Why did Paul have friends everywhere he went?
- Why is it important to be cared for by other people, and how do we develop friendships at that level?

3. Throughout Paul's journey to Rome, we see a contrast between authoritative figures experiencing fear and chaos while Paul, a prisoner, is experiencing peace, even in some of the same circumstances of suffering. What made the difference?

4. Read Acts 27:21-26 and Acts 28:24-28. What are some reasons why Paul was able to hear from the angel that God sent to speak to him? What are some reasons why many of the Jewish people were not able to hear?

- How is it that you hear from God?
- If you are not hearing from God, why do you suppose that is, and what needs to change in your life to begin hearing from him?

5. Read Acts 28:1-6. What drove Paul's response to the situation and what drove the peoples' responses? How do circumstances drive your emotions? What eliminates circumstances' control over your emotions?

6. Read Acts 28:7-10. How do you respond to testimonies of healing? How do we determine what is of God and what is fabricated for recognition? What eliminates skepticism's control over belief?

7. Read Acts 28:20. How does suffering affect your hope? What eliminates suffering's control of your hope?

8. Read Acts 28:28-31. What is limiting you from living boldly for Jesus in the context where you live? What eliminates passivity's control over your boldness for Christ?