

Finishing the Race

A series, in the Book of Acts, called "Mission Impossible"

1. **G** _____ a life saver.

"Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Fast. So Paul warned them, 'Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also.'"

Acts 27:9-10

2. **O** _____ grace to the needy.

"Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand...There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him."

Acts 28:3, 7-8

3. **A** _____ encourage.

"We came to Rome. The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged."

Acts 28:14-15

4. **L** _____ weakness be your strength.

"When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him...For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 28:16, 30-31

Questions

1. As you move through life's rough waters, have you grabbed a hold of Jesus?
2. Who do you focus on when you are hurting? Yourself or others?
3. Who are your life's encouragers? Have you ever shown your appreciation?
4. As we prepare our hearts for communion, what weakness do you have that God wants to use as a strength?

FOR NEXT WEEK: READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1