

# God's Will - Journey and Destination

Acts 28:1-16

## Context: Shipwreck survived

By God's \_\_\_\_\_, "... all were brought safely to land." (27:44)

But the \_\_\_\_\_ was not over. Though the \_\_\_\_\_ was Rome, God still had work He was accomplishing \_\_\_\_\_.

If Paul wanted to go to Rome, and God wanted Paul to go to Rome, **why was it so hard** for him to get there?

For His \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lost ...

For the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people as He taught them to \_\_\_\_\_ and have faith

...

To demonstrate his \_\_\_\_\_ and power over all events and conditions ...

## 2 Object Lessons:

### I. A Snake: Acts 28:1-10

Life isn't "\_\_\_\_\_".

Imagine surviving riots, beatings, stonings, and finally shipwreck, only then to be bitten by a snake!

*Paul clearly had a personal theology of "\_\_\_\_\_ " that undergirded his life ...*

Our sense of " \_\_\_\_\_ " is often just plain wrong.

Justice can't be measured by \_\_\_\_\_.

None of us (should) want "justice". We should seek \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

God-caused/allowed pain is \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 4:8-12)

Paul sees his own physical suffering as a presentation of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Paul's pain was for the sake of healing \_\_\_\_\_!

*What if your/my suffering was for the \_\_\_\_\_ of someone else? (Particularly their \_\_\_\_\_ sake?)*

People can be really \_\_\_\_\_. (Remember Acts 14:8ff?)

Don't spend your life seeking \_\_\_\_\_. (Galatians 1:10)

\_\_\_\_\_ opinion is the one that counts.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ He wants you to be. Do \_\_\_\_\_ He wants you to do.

### II. A Ship: Acts 28:11-16

Luke – physician, theologian, historian – had a keen eye for detail. In addition, we know that every word of Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_. Notice this detail: "... *a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead.*"

The so-called "twin gods" were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the sons of Zeus (or Jupiter). Legend/myth credited them with the role of saving those in trouble \_\_\_\_\_ or in any \_\_\_\_\_.

We don't often enough \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the hand of God in our journey.

What we think are the \_\_\_\_\_ causes in our life often aren't.

Throughout Paul's journeys, God has been the \_\_\_\_\_ of his course and conclusion. (And He is ours!)

## For me personally:

Who/what do people see in my life when I'm hurting, treated unfairly, or in distress?

Do they see \_\_\_\_\_ in me or the \_\_\_\_\_ of me?

Do I view my \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ to display Jesus?

*"... it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."*

*(Paul, in Philippians 1:20-21)*

Have I ever considered the potential \_\_\_\_\_ of my life yielded to God?

Consider what God accomplished of Paul's life through this long journey to Rome!

How many \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel?

How many \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel?

How many \_\_\_\_\_ the power of the Gospel on display?

If I stay on the course I'm on right now, where will it lead me?