

## PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME: THE SHIPWRECK

(Acts 27:27-44)

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- C. The Shipwreck off the Island of Malta (27:27-44)

1. In verses 21 through 26 Paul encouraged the 276 passengers that there would be \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but the ship would be lost by running aground on a certain island.
  
2. After departing Crete, in a two-week period, the Alexandrian ship had been \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ miles off course and was now adrift in the Adrian Sea when "*the sailors sensed that they were drawing near some \_\_\_\_\_.*" (v. 27)
  
3. In the darkness, the sailors wisely "*took soundings*" and discovered that they were indeed headed for land, but fearing that they would \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ they dropped four anchors to slow them down. (vv. 28-29)
  
4. The sin nature being what it is, some sailors \_\_\_\_\_ attempted to get the life boat in the water in order to leave the main ship and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(v. 30)
  
5. Paul reminded the centurion in charge that everyone needed to \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to be \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 31)

\* What does this say about human volition and the choices that we must make?

6. Since Paul had been \_\_\_\_\_ all along, Julius the centurion commanded his men to cut the ropes of the lifeboat and let it fall, now there was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to depend on. (v. 32)

\* What does this say about heeding sound, biblical advice even though practically it does not appear to be the right move?

7. Paul encouraged his shipmates to eat something for nourishment and strength; he reminded all 276 passengers that \_\_\_\_\_ of them would \_\_\_\_\_ the shipwreck; he then led by example and \_\_\_\_\_ and ate food, and they ate as well. (vv. 33-38)

8. At dawn they discovered a sandy beach, but before reaching land, the ship struck a sandbar in the channel; the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ship was \_\_\_\_\_ to pieces by the waves while the bow was \_\_\_\_\_ in the sand. (vv. 39-41)

9. "*The soldiers plan was to \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoners*" so they wouldn't escape, but the centurion interceded for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner's lives. (vv. 42-43a)

\* Has your Christian witness made a good impression on those around you?

10. Everyone was told to \_\_\_\_\_ ship and \_\_\_\_\_ to land, those who were unable could use pieces of the ship as a raft. (vv. 43b-44)

\* What have you learned from this entire trial at sea?