

<sup>21</sup>After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup>Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup>and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. <sup>26</sup>Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

Acts 27:21-27 NIV



<sup>1</sup>Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. <sup>2</sup>The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, “This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.” <sup>5</sup>But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

Acts 28:1-5 NIV



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# MISSIONAL FAITH

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The Strength of our faith is the Word of the Lord



## Missional Faith Attracts the Snake

<sup>3</sup>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.

Acts 28:3



# Missional Faith Attracts the Snake

The Effects of the Bite:

1. Hurt
2. Confusion
3. Paralysis



## Missional Faith Attracts the Snake

The bite is meant to kill our mission. Our faith is the antidote!



## Missional Faith Attracts the Snake

### You Have to See What's Behind the Bite:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12



## Missional Faith Shakes Off the Snake

But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

Acts 28:5



## Missional Faith Makes Us:

- Resilient
- Relentless
- Restful