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### Acts 27:1-13 – Paul’s Sailing

- Paul is now sailing for Italy
- This is because Paul appealed unto Caesar – Acts 26:32
- Luke being the Author starts using words like we again
- This was something that hasn’t been used for many chapters
- Paul seems to be reunited with Luke once again
- Paul is being transported with other prisoners to a Centurion
- Centurion is a Roman **commander**
- They sailed out of Adramyttium which is an Asia minor sea port
- Paul wasn’t 100% being treated like a prisoner – Acts 27:3
- Paul after traveling for awhile get put on a ship heading to Italy
- Keep in mind where Paul was told to go – Acts 23:11
- Rome is the capital of **Italy** so Paul is using his circumstances to get him to where God wants him to be
- The trip became more dangerous as the storms started to come in
- Paul shared his suspicions of the weather – Acts 27:9-10

### Acts 27:13-20 – The storm

- While sailing close to the shores of Crete a storm starts
- This winds pushed them out helplessly into the sea - Acts 27:15
- Cauda was an island 25 miles south of Crete
- This island helped block the wind and tried to secure the ship to the shore
- Syrtis or quicksands was off the coast of Libya and north of Africa
- This would be where they started shedding there gear to lose weight
- The Greek word skeuos which means sea anchor
- We know that there was **sandbars** there and that was a place where ships would run aground
- So, because they are throwing things overboard, they are with very little food, water and supplies
- They were left with no hope of rescue – Acts 27:20

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### Acts 27:21-38 – Paul's wisdom

- Paul gets mad and tells everyone that they should have listened to him
- Paul changes to what is currently happening and says we will not die but the ship will not survive – Acts 27:22
- An angel of God comes to Paul and tells him that they will be **alright** – Acts 27:24
- Paul has faith that they will run aground at some point – Acts 27:26
- Later at night the sailors were afraid that they would hit some rocks so they let down there anchors and waited for day
- Some sailors wanted to leave the ship and Paul encouraged them that only the people that stayed on the ship would survive – Acts 27:30-32
- Later on Paul wants the sailors to eat to give them some strength – Acts 27:34
- Paul breaking bread **sounds** like he was observing the Lord supper and this isn't what was happening
- There was 276 people on the ship – Acts 27: 37
- Paul had them do this because he had faith that God would provide as he said that he would
- All of them ate and then cast of the **wheat** off the ship

### Acts 27:39-44 – Shipwreck

- On the next day they noticed some land – Acts 27:39
- The boat was prepared and they started heading that way and the boat hit a reef and ran aground
- The soldier's plan was to kill the prisoners so they wouldn't escape
- The centurion didn't want to **kill** Paul, so he vetoed there request – Acts 27:43
- Instead, they all got out of the boat and took scrap pieces of wood to float over to shore
- They soon found out that this was the island of Malta