Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 27-28

[Luke, the narrator]: **[1] When it was time for us to sail to Rome, Captain Julius from the Emperor's special forces was put in charge of Paul and the other prisoners…. We went along the island of Cauda on the side that was protected from the wind…. The storm was so fierce that the next day they threw some of the ship's cargo overboard…**

[20] For several days, we could not see the sun or the stars. A strong wind kept blowing, and we finally gave up hope of being saved. Since none of us had eaten for a long time, Paul stood up and said:

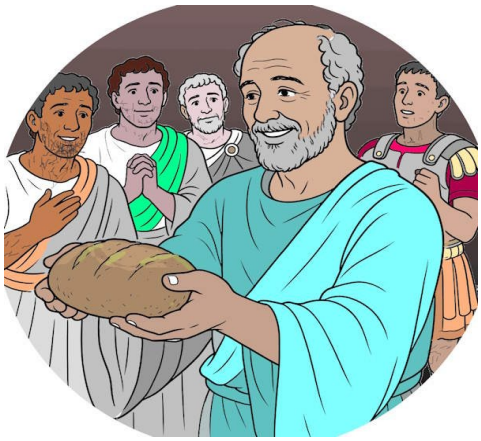
[Paul]: **[23] "I belong to God, and I worship him! Last night he sent an angel to tell me,**

[Angel]: **'Paul, don't be afraid! You will stand trial before the Emperor. Because of you, God will save the lives of everyone on this ship.'**

So cheer up! I am sure God will do exactly what he promised. But—we will be shipwrecked on some island."

[Luke]: **[33] Just before daylight Paul asked the people to eat something. He told them,**

[Paul]: **"For 14 days you have been so worried that you haven't eaten. [34] I beg you, eat something! Your lives depend on it. Do this and not one of you will be hurt!"**



[Luke]: **[35]After Paul had said this, he took a piece of bread and gave thanks to God. Then in front of everyone, he broke the bread and ate some. They all felt encouraged, and each ate something. There were 276 people on the ship.**

[Luke]: **[38]After all had eaten, they threw the cargo of wheat into the sea to make the ship lighter…. They raised the front sail and let the wind carry the ship toward the beach.**

But— it ran aground on a sandbank! The front of the ship stuck in the sand, and the rear was being smashed by the waves! … [43]Captain Julius ordered:

[Julius]: **"All who can swim, jump into the water and head for shore! If you can't swim, hold on to planks of wood or parts of the ship!"**

[Luke]: **At last—*everyone* safely reached the shore!**

[Julius]: **[28:1] When we came ashore, we learned that the island was called Malta. The local people were very friendly. They built a fire, for it was rainy and cold…. They gave us all we needed…"**

[Luke]: **[11] Three months later, we sailed in a ship that had docked at Malta for the winter.**