



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture: **Acts 27** Title: **“Be A Voice of Hope”**

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**Summary of Chapter**  
This chapter details Paul’s voyage (as a prisoner) to Rome. It was a difficult voyage; the winds were against them. Caught in a terrible storm, the ship drifted for two weeks, until it was shipwrecked off the island of Malta. The situation was so desperate that “at last all hope was gone.” (v.20). Even the experienced sailors wanted to jump ship. In the midst of this hopeless situation, Paul encouraged the sailors and everyone on board the ship with a word of hope.

Key Verse(s) NLT **How does it speak to me?**

*22 But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down...*

*25 So take courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said.”*

Let’s pay tribute to heroes who have encouraged us; speakers of hope - people, whom by their deeds and words, have shaped our lives. At the top of my list is a former principal of the mission school I attended. It is incredible how much the principal, who is also a priest, has impacted my life. Once, Bro. Lawrence made us stare at a leaf for 10 mins to teach us silent contemplation. Instead of just listening to the music, he taught us to appreciate the lyrics! We grew up to become more reflective people who have depth and character. *“Upon life some will see the rough, there will be times your best will not be good enough. Then you must ride the storm, just hanging on.... And when the calm has come again, you’ll still go on!”* is the catchy chorus of a song the principal taught us. This song has carried me through many storms in my life.

Yes, we all will face difficulties in life. Christians are not exempted! Sometimes, even our best may not be enough! The song encourages me to hang on; the calm will come again! In times of desperation, to whom would you rather listen? A person who speaks hope or a person who condemns? Well, I would rather listen to my principal, who was a speaker of hope. His words have helped me beat the odds, coming from a tough background and a challenging environment!

As a believer, like Paul, our anchor is God. May we be like Paul who humbly and boldly spoke words of hope to a desperate and drowning world. Humbly, because we are in the same boat! Boldly, because we believe God and His promises. It will be just as he said! Even the unbelieving soldiers and sailors listened to Paul!

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

**Adult:** Do you know someone who is going through a storm right now? Be the voice of hope for him or her.

**Youth:** Storms are inevitable. How can I be better prepared to weather the next storm?

**Child:** Do you have a friend who is sad or worried about something? Go to that friend and pray for Jesus to help him/her.

### PRAYER

**Praying Scripture:** Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness in seeing me through the storms of life. Thank You for sending angels, speakers of hope, when I was lost and desperate. Grant me the boldness to share Your good news. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Thanksgiving Prayer:** I/We thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)

**Intercessory Prayer:** I/We want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)

**Salvation Prayer:** I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones \_\_\_\_\_ (add one name per day).  
In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.