

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Sermon Scriptures

Acts 9:11-16 **11** And **the Lord said to him**, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision **a man named Ananias** come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.”

13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, **how much harm he did to Your saints** at Jerusalem; **14** and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” **15** But the Lord said to him, “**Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine**, to bear My name **before the Gentiles and kings** and the **sons of Israel**; **16** for I will show him **how much he must suffer for My name’s sake**.”

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2 Cor. 11:21-24 **21** To my shame I *must* say that we have been weak *by comparison*. ¶ But in whatever respect **anyone else is bold** — I speak in foolishness — **I am just as bold myself**. **22** Are they Hebrews? **So am I**. Are they Israelites? **So am I**. Are they descendants of Abraham? **So am I**. **23** Are they servants of Christ? — I speak as if insane — **I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death**. **24** **Five times** I received from the Jews **thirty-nine lashes**.

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2 Cor. 11:25 Three times I was **beaten with rods**, once **I was stoned**, **three times** I was shipwrecked, **a night and a day I have spent in the deep**.

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Acts 27:1 ¶ When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan cohort named Julius.

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Acts 27:2 And embarking in an Adramyttian ship, which was about to sail to the regions along the coast of Asia, we put out to sea accompanied by **Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica**.

Acts 19:29 The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, **dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus**, Paul’s **traveling companions** from Macedonia.

Col. 4:10a ¶ **Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner**, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas’s cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions; if he comes to you, welcome him);

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Acts 27:3 The next day we put in at **Sidon**; and Julius treated Paul with consideration and

allowed him to go to his friends and receive care.

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Acts 27:4-6 **4** From there we put out to sea and sailed under **the shelter of Cyprus** because the **winds were contrary**. **5** When we had sailed through the sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, **we landed at Myra** in Lycia. **6** There the centurion found **an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy**, and he put us aboard it.

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Acts 27:7, 8 **7** When we had **sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty** had arrived off Cnidus, since the **wind did not permit us to go farther**, we sailed under **the shelter of Crete, off Salmone**; **8** and **with difficulty sailing past it** we came to a place called **Fair Havens**, near which was the city of Lasea.

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Acts 27:9-10 **9** ¶ When considerable time had passed and **the voyage was now dangerous**, since even **the fast was already over**, **Paul began to admonish them**, **10** and said to them, “Men, I perceive that **the voyage will certainly be with damage and great loss**, not only of the cargo and the ship, **but also of our lives.**”

Rev. 20:13 And **the sea gave up the dead which were in it**, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

Acts 27:11-13 **11** But the centurion was more persuaded by the pilot and the captain of the ship than by what was being said by Paul. **12** Because **the harbor was not suitable for wintering**, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, **if somehow they could reach Phoenix**, a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest, **and spend the winter there**. **13** ¶ When a **moderate south wind came up**, **supposing that they had attained their purpose**, they weighed anchor and *began* sailing along Crete, *close inshore*.

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Acts 27:14-20 **14** But before very long there rushed down from the land a **violent wind, called Euraquilo**; **15** and when **the ship was caught in it** and could not face the wind, **we gave way to it** and let ourselves **be driven along**. **16** Running under the shelter of a small island called Clauda, **we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control**. **17** After they had hoisted it up, they **used supporting cables in undergirding the ship**; and **fearing that they might run aground on the shallows of Syrtis**, they let down the sea anchor and **in this way let themselves be driven along**. **18** The next day as we **were being violently storm-tossed**, they began to **jettison the cargo**; **19** and on the **third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard** with their own hands. **20** Since **neither sun nor stars appeared for many days**, and **no small storm was assailing us**, from then on **all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned**.

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Acts 27:21-26 **21** ¶ When they **had gone a long time without food**, then **Paul stood up in their midst and said**, “Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete **and incurred this damage and loss**.

22 “*Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage*, for there will be **no loss of life** among you, but *only of the ship*. **23** “For this very night **an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve** stood before me, **24** saying, ‘**Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar**; and behold, **God has granted you all those** who are sailing with you.’ **25** “**Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God** that it will turn out **exactly as I have been told**. **26** “**But we must run aground on a certain island.**”

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Acts 27:27-32 **27** ¶ But when **the fourteenth night** came, as we were being driven **about** in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight **the sailors began to surmise** that they were **approaching some land**. **28** They took soundings and found *it to be twenty fathoms*; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found *it to be fifteen fathoms*. **29** **Fearing that we might run aground somewhere on the rocks**, they cast four anchors from the stern and **wished for daybreak**. **30** But as **the sailors were trying to escape from the ship** and had let down the *ship’s boat* into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow, **31** **Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers**, “Unless these men **remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved.**” **32** Then **the soldiers cut away the ropes** of the *ship’s boat* and **let it fall away**.

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Acts 27:33-37 **33** ¶ Until the day was about to dawn, **Paul was encouraging them all to take some food**, saying, “Today is **the fourteenth day** that you have been **constantly watching and going without eating**, having taken nothing. **34** “**Therefore I encourage you to take some food**, for this is for your preservation, **for not a hair from the head of any of you will perish.**” **35** Having said this, **he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all**, and he broke it and **began to eat**. **36** **All of them were encouraged and they themselves also took food**. **37** **All of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six persons**.

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Acts 27:38-40 **38** When they had eaten enough, **they began to lighten the ship** by throwing out the wheat into the sea. **39** ¶ When day came, they could not recognize the land; but they did observe a bay with a beach, and **they resolved to drive the ship onto it if they could**. **40** And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders; and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were **heading for the beach**.

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Acts 27:41 **But striking a reef** where two seas met, **they ran the vessel aground**; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but **the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves**.

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Acts 27:42 The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that *none of them would swim away and escape*; **43** but the centurion, wanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, **and commanded that those** who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, **44** and *the rest should follow*, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land.

Acts 12:18, 19 **18** ¶ Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers *as to what could have become of Peter*. **19** When Herod had searched for him and had not found him, **he examined the guards and ordered that they be led away to execution**. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and was spending time there.

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Acts 28:1, 2 **1** ¶ When they had been brought safely through, then we found out that **the island was called Malta**. **2** The natives **showed us extraordinary kindness**; for because of **the rain** that had set in and because of **the cold**, they kindled a fire and **received us all**.

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Acts 28:3-6 **3** But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, **a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand**. **4** When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, **they began saying to one another**, "Undoubtedly **this man is a murderer**, and though he has been saved from the sea, **justice has not allowed him to live**." **5** However **he shook the creature off** into the fire and **suffered no harm**. **6** But **they were expecting** that he was about **to swell up or suddenly fall down dead**. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, **they changed their minds** and *began* to say that **he was a god**.

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Acts 28:7-9 **7** ¶ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the **leading man of the island, named Publius**, who **welcomed us and entertained us** courteously three days. **8** And it happened that **the father of Publius** was lying *in bed* afflicted with **recurrent fever and dysentery**; and **Paul went in to see him** and after he **had prayed**, he laid his **hands on him and healed him**. **9** After this had happened, the **rest of the people on the island who had diseases** were **coming to him and getting cured**.

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Acts 28:10 They also **honored us with many marks of respect**; and when we were setting sail, **they supplied us with all we needed**.

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Acts 28:11-14 **11** ¶ At the end of three months we set sail on an **Alexandrian ship** which **had wintered** at the island, and which had the **Twin Brothers for its figurehead**. **12** After we put in at **Syracuse**, we stayed **there for three days**.

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13 From there we **sailed around and arrived at Rhegium**, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we **came to Puteoli**.

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14 There we **found *some* brethren**, and were invited to stay **with them for seven days**; and thus we **came to Rome**.

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