

Sermon Outline & Worksheet

Impacting Where You Are - Acts 28:1-10

Overview of Sermon

Life is always changing—technology, culture, and the world around us. Yet, people’s deepest needs remain the same: food, shelter, and ultimately, Jesus. Paul’s shipwreck on Malta shows us that God places us where we are for His purpose. Even when plans shift, accidents happen, or people misunderstand us, God still uses us. Paul didn’t intend to go to Malta, but God turned it into one of his most lasting ministries.

Key Points

1. **Minister Where God Puts You**
 - Malta was not Paul’s plan, but God used it.
 - God provides the stage; we need to step on it.
 2. **Minister Despite People’s Opinions**
 - Paul was judged as a criminal and a murderer.
 - He ministered anyway, showing God’s love through action and healing.
 3. **Let God Change Hearts**
 - Paul didn’t argue or defend himself.
 - He simply did the work God gave him, and God changed the people’s hearts.
 4. **The Lasting Impact**
 - The church in Malta traces its roots to Paul’s ministry.
 - Faithfulness where God places us leaves a lasting legacy.
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Reflective Questions

1. Have you ever been placed somewhere you didn’t expect? How did God use you there?
 2. What opinions of others have held you back from ministering?
 3. In what situations do you struggle with wanting to defend yourself instead of letting God work?
 4. How can you live with the mindset that “God provides the stage, and I just need to step on it”?
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Action Steps

1. **Pause & Pray** — Each morning, ask God to open your eyes to the work He has placed in front of you today.
 2. **Minister Anyway** — Look for one opportunity this week to serve or encourage someone, even if they don’t expect it.
 3. **Trust God with Results** — Release the need to control outcomes and focus on obedience.
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Conclusion

Paul’s ministry in Malta reminds us that unexpected detours can be God’s divine appointments. Wherever you are today—whether it feels planned or accidental—God has placed you there for a reason. Your role is to faithfully do the work in front of you and let God handle the results.

✦ **Encouragement:** *You are in this time and place for a reason. Do the work God has for you today.*