

## God Will Take Care of You

### Scripture Reading — Acts 28:1-16

*When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. — Acts 28:9*

When a viper attacks Paul, the local islanders think he will die. But Paul shakes the snake off, and no harm comes to him. When Paul does not die, the people think he is a god. But no, Paul is not a god. He does represent God, however.

Paul is almost all the way to Rome, but the witness of God through him continues every step of the way. Paul is on Malta because of a storm and a shipwreck. And God continues to take care of him in different ways. God also takes care of the people of Malta.

The chief official of the island opens his home to welcome the shipwrecked visitors. During this time, God heals the official's sick father through Paul. A moment of hospitality becomes the setting to see God's healing power, and many others are healed also.

At first glance, we see Paul shipwrecked on an island, delayed for three months on his journey to Rome. But soon we can see that God has brought Paul and the others there to bring healing and the good news of Jesus.

In addition, we see God taking care of Paul and the others by bringing them to Malta. But then we also see that God takes care of Malta by bringing Paul and the others there. And as they travel on to Rome, they meet other people and are welcomed and encouraged.

May we be people who look again and again to see the God who is always at work taking care of us and others.

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank you for always taking care of us. May we have eyes to see this every day. Amen.*

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