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Acts 28:1-10

General:

- When things go wrong, why do we instinctively ask: “What are the chances?” or “Why is this happening to me?” What do those questions reveal about how we view control, timing, and God?
- Paul ends up in a place he didn’t plan to be. Where in your life do you feel like you’ve ended up in “Malta” (a place you didn’t plan, choose, or want)?
- The islanders—people far from God—show “unusual kindness.” How should this challenge the way we, as Christians, treat others (especially in moments when people are vulnerable)?
- How do we tend to interpret worsening circumstances? What assumptions do we make about God or ourselves?
- The islanders quickly move from “he’s a murderer” to “he’s a god.” What does this reveal about how people interpret circumstances and judge others?
- Paul survives a storm only to be bitten by a snake. How might God use something painful or difficult in your life to serve or impact someone else?
- Where could your “wounds” become a place of ministry?
- There’s no recorded sermon from Paul, just presence, prayer, and healing. What does this teach us about how the gospel can be lived out beyond preaching?

Take Home 1: You're not off-purpose just because you're off-plan (Acts 28:8)

- Why is it so natural for us to assume that being "off-plan" means being "off-purpose"?
- What would it look like to believe that your purpose is still intact, even in your Malta moment?
- Even if you don't fully understand how God is working, what is one way you can live with purpose in your current season?
- What have you already decided about your situation that God might still be writing?

Take Home 2: Stay faithful where you are, even when it doesn't make sense (Acts 28:3,8)

- In difficult or confusing seasons, do you tend to withdraw, wait, or serve?
- What would it look like to "step into it and serve" like Paul did?
- What has God already placed in front of you (relationships, responsibilities, opportunities) that you can be faithful with right now?

Take 3: Don't lose sight of the mission (Acts 1:28; 28:9)

- Where might God be using your current situation, not to delay the mission, but to advance it?
- If everything in your life (good or bad) could be used to advance the gospel, how would that change the way you view your current season?
- How can you live as an "intentional neighbor" this week? Right where you are?
- Where do you see God working right now? (In your life? Your relationships? Your environment?) Where might you be missing it?