

Acts 26–28 Study Guide for Whiskey & Worship

Acts 26: A Bold Testimony — Sharing Your Story Without Fear

Focus Areas:

- **Paul stands before King Agrippa**, confidently giving an account of his faith (Acts 26:1–23).
- **Paul recounts his conversion**, emphasizing God's grace and calling (Acts 26:12–18).
- **Paul explains his mission** to preach repentance and faith in Christ (Acts 26:19–23).
- **Festus and Agrippa respond differently**, illustrating that not everyone will accept the gospel (Acts 26:24–32).

Men's Group Reflection:

- Can you clearly explain how Jesus has changed your life? Will you in front of unbelievers?
 - Are you willing to share your faith, even if others think you're foolish or reject your message?
 - What part of your testimony might encourage another man who is struggling today?
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Acts 27: Faith in the Storm — Trusting God Through Life's Trials

Focus Areas:

- **Paul warns of danger**, but his counsel is ignored (Acts 27:9–12).
- **A violent storm threatens everyone's lives**, leaving the crew hopeless (Acts 27:13–20).
- **God reassures Paul**, promising that everyone aboard will survive (Acts 27:21–26).
- **Paul leads with courage and confidence**, encouraging others even in the middle of the storm (Acts 27:33–38).
- **The ship is destroyed**, but every person safely reaches shore, just as God promised (Acts 27:39–44).

Men's Group Reflection:

- What storm are you facing right now, or have recently, that requires greater trust in God?
 - How do you respond when others ignore wise, godly counsel?
 - Are you a source of calm and encouragement when those around you are afraid?
 - What promises from God help anchor your faith during difficult seasons?
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Acts 28: Finishing Strong — Faithfulness Until the End

Focus Areas:

- **Paul ministers on the island of Malta**, healing the sick and serving others despite being shipwrecked (Acts 28:1–10).
- **Paul arrives in Rome**, the destination God promised years earlier (Acts 28:11–16).

- **Paul boldly proclaims the gospel** to Jewish leaders and all who visit him (Acts 28:17–31).
- **The book of Acts ends with Paul faithfully preaching**, even while under house arrest (Acts 28:30–31).

Men's Group Reflection:

- Are you serving others faithfully, even when life doesn't go according to your plans?
 - How has God been faithful to keep His promises in your own life?
 - What does it look like for you to "finish well" in your marriage, family, work, and faith?
 - If your life ended today, what legacy of faith would you leave behind?
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Practical Applications for Men's Lives

Know Your Story:

Spend time writing out your testimony. Practice sharing it in a few minutes so when you're given the chance to share with someone who may need to hear it, you're ready.

Trust God:

When life feels out of control, remember that God's promises are more dependable than your circumstances.

Lead During the Storm:

Choose to be the man who brings peace instead of panic—at home, at work, and in your community. This is who God designed man to be.

Finish Well:

Paul's goal wasn't simply to start strong but to remain faithful until the end. Ask yourself: *If I keep living the way I am today, where will my life be in ten years? Am I becoming the man God has called me to be?*

Prayer Focus:

Pray for boldness to share your testimony, confidence to trust God through life's storms, and endurance to finish your race with faithfulness, integrity, and joy.

The last 2 chapters are kind of hard to follow and understand exactly what is going on so I wanted to include a quick summary. By this time, Paul has been imprisoned for more than two years in Caesarea, not because he was found guilty of a crime, but because Roman leaders were trying to satisfy the Jewish authorities. Standing before King Agrippa, Paul doesn't simply defend himself—he boldly shares his testimony, recounting his conversion on the road to Damascus and explaining that Jesus called him to preach repentance and forgiveness. Agrippa concludes that Paul has done nothing deserving imprisonment, but because Paul has appealed to Caesar, he must be sent to Rome.

In Acts 27, Paul begins the voyage to Rome. Despite warning the crew that continuing the journey would end in disaster, they sail anyway and are caught in a violent storm that lasts two weeks. While everyone else loses hope, Paul remains confident because God has promised that everyone aboard will survive. The ship is destroyed near the island of Malta, but every one of the 276 passengers safely reaches shore, demonstrating God's faithfulness to His promises.

Acts 28 records Paul's ministry on Malta, where he heals many people before finally arriving in Rome under house arrest. Though chained, he is free to receive visitors and continues preaching the gospel "with all boldness and without hindrance." Acts ends there, but church history tells us Paul was likely released for a time, continued ministering, and later wrote **1 Timothy** and **Titus**. After being arrested again under Emperor Nero, he wrote **2 Timothy**, declaring, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"* (2 Timothy 4:7), before being executed for his faith around A.D. 64–67.