



Title | The Power of Belonging
Series | The Church That Changed the World
Text | Acts 28:11-16
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Sermon Notes

Acts 28:11 After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead. **12** Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. **13** And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. **14** There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. **15** And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. **16** And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

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Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 28:11-16. Verse 15 says, “Paul thanked God and took courage.” What prompted this response? Why might Paul have needed to take courage?

Tuesday:

Read Romans 12:13. How does this relate to what Paul experienced in Acts 28:11-16? How would you evaluate yourself on showing hospitality?

Wednesday:

Read Hebrews 13:2. How does this relate to what Paul experienced in Acts 28:11-16? Who qualifies as a “stranger?” In what sense was Paul a stranger?

Thursday:

Read 1 Peter 4:9. Who are the people in view in this verse? Why is hospitality “without grumbling” relevant and important?

Friday:

Identify some specific times and ways that you can show hospitality.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, as you honor and welcome me, may I do so for others that they may be grateful and encouraged, feeling as though they belong. Amen.

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