"Acts – Enlarging the Kingdom (16-1): Paul's Journey to Rome" (Acts 26:30-27:44)

"In the World", but "Not Of the World"... Through Presence and Intentional Engagement in *Common* Life Experiences, Pass on the Hope of Resurrection to others

Today: Paul's Journey to Rome – "In the Ship", yet by being "Not Of the Ship", Paul gave a Powerful Testimony to his Shipmates

- I. The Decision on Paul's Case (26:1-32)
 - A. Paul Presented Defense before King Agrippa and Governor Festus (26:1-29)
 - B. Paul was Granted to Appeal to Caesar (26:30-32)

II. The Journey to Rome – Part 1 (Chap 27)

- A. From Caesarea to Sidon (27:1-3): Key Characters: Julius the Centurion, Paul, Luke and Aristarchus
- B. From Sidon to Malta (27:4-44)
 - 1. Paul's Role as the Counselor (vv 4–20)
 - Advice in the Midst of a Difficult Voyage
 - Centurion Listened to the "Experts" and Dismissed Paul's Warning
 - 2. Paul's Role as the Encourager (vv 21–44): Paul's 4 Ministries of Encouragement
 - He Shared God's Word with them (vv 22–26)
 - He Warned them (vv 27–32)
 - He set a Good Example before them (vv 33–38)
 - He Rescued them (vv 39–44)

Reflection: Practical Lessons

- 1. Even the Worst Storms cannot Hide God's Face or Hinder God's Purposes
- 2. Storms Reveals Character: Trust God and Obey His Will
- 3. In God's Design, Storms link Believers and Non-Believers together as Passengers in Same Ship; Storms serve as Opportunities for Believers to bear Witness to Jesus Christ
- As Believers "In the World", Mind our neighbors' Physical and Spiritual Welfare Be a Person of Prayer and Faith; Encourage others in the Journey of Life!