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Acts 28.1-10 // September 8, 2024

MISINTERPRETING TRAGEDY

Paul and the occupants find themselves with great relief having survived, and even more relief when they find locals with "unusual kindness." But the celebration quickly turns to a gasp as Paul is bitten by a poisonous viper, leading the locals to wrongly assume Paul must have had it coming to him.

John 9.1-3

**It is hard enough when we doubt ourselves,
but it is much harder when those around us also doubt us.**

This is when, again, it becomes so important for us to be anchored not in what is true, or what even *seems* to be true, but in what is "TRUTH."

DISTANT SECOND PLACE

If bad things happening was always the result of sin in our life, or God's displeasure towards us, we will have a hard time explaining the life of Jesus. Or Job. Or the man born blind at birth. Our perspective must shift.

**I will never be treated worse than how Jesus was treated.
I will never receive worse than what Jesus received.
I will never endure worse than what Jesus endured.**

Though there are many specific tragedies and pains we will endure that Christ did not specifically endure, what He *did* endure is far greater than anything we will ever endure, and that is the fury and anger of God against all the sin that He hates.

Proverbs 6.16-19 // Psalm 5.4, 5

BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU

**The Maltese people's perception of Paul didn't sway him.
The Jews' perception of Jesus didn't sway Him.
Neither should others' perception of us sway us.**

Christ calls us to bless those that curse us, and to owe no one anything except love. Though we will be falsely accused or have the worst assumed about us, our aim is not for the praise of man, but for the praise of God, that He may be honored and glorified even through our trials and tragedies.

NOTES:

Announcements:

Women's Gathering: September 9th @7pm at Jessica Teas' house. Scan the QR code for more details and to sign up!

Fall Community Groups Signup/Interest: Signups for our Fall Community Groups will be held today. Sign up at the Connect Table or using the QR Code. (<https://bit.ly/3TbLYwx>)

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 71: 1-8

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 34:22

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Over summer, our Community Groups will be on break. Make a plan with your family and friends to spend time with others and enjoy fellowship with one another during these summer months.

ABIDING in the VINE DAILY DEVOTION

If you have not yet signed up to receive text messages with links to our daily devotion, you can do so here:



Here's the topics for this week's **Abiding in the Vine** and **NT Reading Plan**:

Sunday: The House of Mourning	Mark 13.1-31
Monday: Shame and Condemnation	Mark 13.32-14.21
Tuesday: Trusting God for Tomorrow	Mark 14.22-42
Wednesday: Worry and Anxiety	Mark 14.43-65
Thursday: Feeling Inadequate	Mark 14.66-15.21
Friday: Strength Through Weakness	Mark 15.22-47
Saturday: Pride and Self-Righteousness	Mark 16

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness.
Help _____ to forgive _____,
because You are the One who has forgiven us.

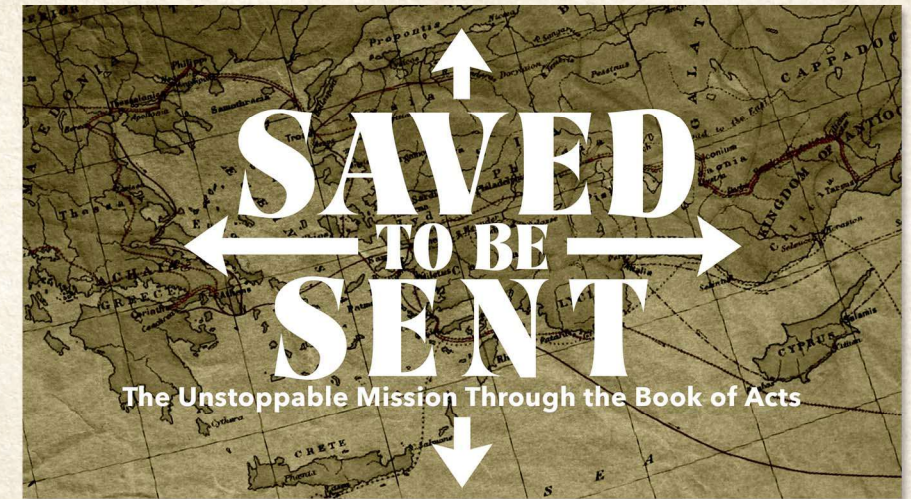
Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You.
Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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