

Message Title: "THE UNFOLDING STORY"

Series: ACTS 180 – When the World
Was Turned Upside Down!
180 Church | Acts 28:1-10
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Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

John 20:21-22 "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Matthew 10:8b (Jesus) "... freely you have received, freely give."

John 6:44 (Jesus) "No one comes to the Father except the Holy Spirit draws them."

Acts 28:1-10 After we were brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold. ³ When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand. ⁴ When the native people saw the viper hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, the goddess of justice has not allowed him to live." ⁵ He, however, shook off the viper into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god."

⁷ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him. ⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. ¹⁰ They also honored us greatly, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the supplies we needed."

Acts 28:30-31 "He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance."

**#1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CONSTANTLY MOVING US TOWARD " _____"
" WITH PEOPLE.**

VS 2 "The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold."

#2. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LEADING US TO MAKE _____.

Acts 28:3-5 "When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks & put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat & fastened on his hand. When the native people saw the viper hanging from his hand, they said to

one another, “No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, the goddess of justice has not allowed him to live.”⁵ He, however, shook off the viper into the fire and suffered no harm.”

#3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LEADING US TO _____ IN LOVE AND SUPERNATURAL POWER.

Acts 28:8-9 “It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever & dysentery. And Paul went and visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him.⁹ And when this had taken place, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured.”

LOOK IN:

1. Can you think of a time when God has orchestrated a surprising encounter in your life? What happened?
2. Does the idea that those outside the church can be generous encourage or challenge you? Why? Does this change anything about the way you perceive those in the world?
3. Has God ever divinely protected you? What happened? If this has never happened to you, do you think God would divinely protect you? Why or why not?
4. What opportunities has the Holy Spirit given you in your life to make Jesus known to those around you? What circumstances might he be using right now?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how involved are you in serving those outside the church through love and the Holy Spirit? If you ranked yourself over 5, what things have you done to serve those around you? If you’ve ranked yourself less than 5, what has kept you from serving those outside the church?