



Acts – The Church on Fire

What things make or help Christians and God's Church to be on fire for Him?

Chapter Twenty Eight

Verse(s)

Point

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1. A Christian on Fire may receive small blessings at a very much needed time when they least expect it. In Paul's case, they had just gone through the storm and were shipwrecked on an island. They needed warmth and protection and God provided it through the "unusually" kind people they met on Malta.

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2. A Christian on Fire can experience one trial after another and it may not make sense when it happens, but God intends all of it for a purpose. Paul just tries to help warm himself and the others after this terrible ordeal at sea and is next bit by a snake. Death could have followed. Yet, God used what could have been bad to provide Paul to warm the islanders up to him instead.

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3. A Christian on Fire can be used by God even in the midst of trials to help others and lead them to the Lord. We must always remember to look for opportunities to serve God and witness to others about Him even in our trials. Paul was able to heal others of their infirmities. As a result God will bless us when we look beyond our own issues. The islanders provided supplies for Paul and the ship's crew.

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4. A Christian on Fire must look for God's blessings as they go through their trials. Paul could have been thrown in to depression or anger towards God for the shipwreck and the snake bite. Instead throughout the time on the ship and the time on the island, he kept in communication with God, ministered to others and saw God's blessings. He received God's provision and rest while on the island for months. Then along the way to Rome again he was met by fellow brethren and received encouragement and thanked God. We never see Paul shaking his fist at God during this whole time and he is still willing to go to Rome to carry out his purpose for God even if it meant his death.

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5. A Christian on Fire will continue to take every opportunity to share the good news, even with those who would be opposed or could cause them harm.

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6. A Christian on Fire will not be afraid to speak the honest truth to those who need to hear it. Paul told the Jews in Rome the prophetic scriptures about the Jewish people's stubbornness to receive the Messiah and the fact that their Messiah would be shared with the Gentiles. This information could have meant Paul's death, but he shared it anyways.

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7. A Christian on Fire will not let rejection stop them from sharing the good news. They will not give up, but continue on with the Christian's focus of reaching the lost for Jesus.