

## ***Study Guide on Acts 27:1-2, 33-44***

**New Revised Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

### **Acts 27:1-2, 33-44**

**(Acts 27:1)** When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius.

**(Acts 27:2)** Embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica.

**(Acts 27:33)** Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing.

**(Acts 27:34)** Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads."

**(Acts 27:35)** After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat.

**(Acts 27:36)** Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves.

**(Acts 27:37)** (We were in all two hundred seventy-six persons in the ship.)

**(Acts 27:38)** After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea.

**(Acts 27:39)** In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could.

**(Acts 27:40)** So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach.

**(Acts 27:41)** But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves.

(Acts 27:42) The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape;

(Acts 27:43) but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land,

(Acts 27:44) and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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