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**EVEN IN ADVERSITY, GOD’S PEOPLE SEEK THE WELFARE OF OTHERS** (ACTS 27:9-12).

<sup>9</sup> By now much time had passed, and the voyage was already dangerous. Since the Day of Atonement was already over, Paul gave his advice <sup>10</sup> and told them, “Men, I can see that this voyage is headed toward disaster and heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship but also of our lives.” <sup>11</sup> But the centurion paid attention to the captain and the owner of the ship rather than to what Paul said. <sup>12</sup> Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided to set sail from there, hoping somehow to reach Phoenix, a harbor on Crete facing the southwest and northwest, and to winter there.

**EVEN IN ADVERSITY, GOD’S PEOPLE OFFER HOPE TO OTHERS** (ACTS 27:21-26).

<sup>21</sup> Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, “You men should have followed my advice not to sail from Crete and sustain this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup> Now I urge you to take courage, because there will be no loss of any of your lives, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For last night an angel of the God I belong to and serve stood by me <sup>24</sup> and said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Paul. It is necessary for you to appear before Caesar. And indeed, God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.’ <sup>25</sup> So take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me. <sup>26</sup> But we have to run aground on some island.”

**EVEN IN ADVERSITY, GOD’S PEOPLE SERVE OTHERS** (ACTS 28:7-10).

<sup>7</sup> Now in the area around that place was an estate belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us hospitably for three days. <sup>8</sup> Publius’s father was in bed suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went to him, and praying and laying his hands on him, he healed him. <sup>9</sup> After this, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. <sup>10</sup> So they heaped many honors on us, and when we sailed, they gave us what we needed.

