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GOD'S PEOPLE FIND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE CHURCH (ACTS 28:13-16).

¹³ From there, after making a circuit along the coast, we reached Rhegium. After one day a south wind sprang up, and the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found brothers and sisters and were invited to stay a week with them. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵ Now the brothers and sisters from there had heard the news about us and had come to meet us as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

GOD'S PEOPLE REFUSE TO COMPROMISE THE TRUTH (ACTS 28:23-28).

²³ After arranging a day with him, many came to him at his lodging. From dawn to dusk he expounded and testified about the kingdom of God. He tried to persuade them about Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets. ²⁴ Some were persuaded by what he said, but others did not believe. ²⁵ Disagreeing among themselves, they began to leave after Paul made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah ²⁶ when he said, Go to these people and say: You will always be listening, but never understanding; and you will always be looking, but never perceiving. ²⁷ For the hearts of these people have grown callous, their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. ²⁸ Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

GOD'S PEOPLE WELCOME ALL INTO THE KINGDOM (ACTS 28:30-31).

³⁰ Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

