

## Midweek Study Lesson Questions 05/06/2026

Sunday May 3, 2026

**BITTEN BUT NOT BROKEN**, [Acts 27:14](#), [41](#) and [Acts 28:3](#) and 5

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### I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

**Reflection:** Think of a time when your plans, your "ship," fell apart completely. Looking back, how did that breaking open a way for God's mercy to operate in a manner that a neat and tidy success never could have?

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Explain the following points from Sunday's sermon.

1. The Storm. –

2. The Shipwreck. –

3. The Snake Bite –

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### **Observation Question**

How did the reaction of the islanders change after they witnessed the event with the viper?

### **Interpretation Question**

The islander's initially suspected Paul was a murderer when the snake bit him, but then they regarded him as a god when he was unharmed. How did this attack, meant for harm, ultimately serve to advance Paul's mission and credibility on the island?

### **Application Question**

Our visible scars from past attacks can feel like marks of shame. How could choosing to see a specific wound or past failure as a badge of God's preserving power change the way you talk about that experience with others?

## **AMMO**

[Act 27:14](#) But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon. KJV (Euroclydon; Northeaster, a hurricane-like wind)

## MORE AMMO

Psalm 107:29 He calms the storm, So that its waves are still. NKJV

**Acts 28:4** So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." **5** But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. **6** However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. NKJV

### Key Takeaways

#### - Heaven author outcomes, not hell

Opposition may be intentional, but ultimate resolution belongs to God. Trials can function as theatrical space where divine sovereignty is displayed rather than as final judgments on calling. Viewing setbacks as authored outcomes shifts endurance from mere survival to trustful stewardship. Responding from that posture reframes enemies' plots as stages for God's demonstration.

#### - Promise outlives every storm

Certainty grounded in divine promise withstands the loudest forecasts and fiercest winds. Faith anchored in what God has declared endures when circumstances scream defeat. Holding the promise shapes decisions in crisis and steadies leadership for others in the wreckage. The promise secures vocation even when the path deviates from expectation.

#### - Broken vessels still carry purpose

Destruction of means does not cancel mission; splintered boards can transport destiny. God often repurposes failure into a more visible testimony of mercy and truth. Remaining faithful in wreckage enables rescue, preservation, and multiplication of influence. Valuing calling above convenience cultivates resilience and redemptive usefulness.

#### - Scars testify to God's power

Visible marks from trials function as credentials of survival, not shame. When attacks fail to finish their work, the resulting scars invite reflection, worship, and transformation in others. Embracing woundedness as evidence of preservation turns private pain into public proclamation. Such testimony redirects attention from the strike to the Sustainer who enabled endurance.