

# Long Suffering

Acts 28:1:1-6

- Paul was in jail for his testimony
- Paul had warned them not to leave
- Paul had been fasting for them
- Paul was in a storm if he was in charge would have been avoided
- Paul had to swim to shore on broken pieces
- Paul is in the cold and the rain

**vs.1:** Melita- meaning sweet as honey.

**vs. 2:** Paul is experiencing contradictions The people are barbarous but their treating us with kindness  
Devotion - winning souls- kindness -received us-

**vs. 3:** Paul builds on what they started- he adds to the fire! Whenever you attempt to expand or invoke the presence of God you can expect a counter attack from the adversary. A poisonous snake sought to attach himself to him

**vs. 4:** They assumed justice had been done due to the certainty of death or sickness that should have resulted in his misfortune.

**vs.5:** Paul shook the beast off the beast into the FIRE

**vs.6:** When people see what should have happened, the destruction that should have come, the disaster that should have resulted, "surely God had to be in the midst"