

## Passage to Ponder

Our Passage to Ponder this morning from today's Bible study is Acts 27:33-36, it reads.

And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you." And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat. Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves. (Acts 27:33-36)

As we ponder this passage you and I can be encouraged like the ships crew to feed on the Bible which is the bread of life, as we journey toward heaven.

There are three pictures in this chapter which will encourage us to feed on the Bible.

1. The first picture is seen in verses 14 and 17, we see that the Bible is inspired. We're told in these verses that the ship which Paul was on was driven through the sea by the power of the wind. The word Luke uses for driven is the Greek word *phero*, it's the same word Peter used for moved in 2 Peter 1:21 when he said, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

The writers of the Bible were moved or carried along by the Holy Spirit as they wrote the Bible. What that means simply is that the Holy Spirit superintend over the writers, so that when they wrote they used their own style and personality but they wrote the very Word's of God.

The inspiration of the Bible should encourage us to feed on the Bible. The Bible is God's living love letter to us His bride, in it He shares who He is, how much He loves us and all that He wants to accomplish in and through our relationship.

2. The second picture is seen in verses 22-34 we see the Bible is inerrant, true and trustworthy. In these verses we see that just as the angel said God

did, He sovereignty protected Paul and the crew and brought them safely to land.

This shows us that the inerrancy of the Bible should encourage us to feed on the Bible. The promises we read are all true, they will come to pass because God cannot lie. Another thing we see in these verses concerning God's word is it comes with His power. If God gives us an instruction or a command He will powerfully accomplish it through us.

3. The third picture we see is in verses 33-36 we see that reading the Bible shows us God's will for our life.

In these verses we see as a result of Paul knowing and believing the words that God spoke through the angel he was able to live victoriously and encourage others to do so.

This shows us that God's will should encourage us to feed on the Bible. Walking in the will of God is the key to living the victorious spirit filled Christian life. If I walk in God's will I will find peace because I know God is good and He's in control. In God's will I find joy and contentment because I knew that it's the best for me, in God's will my Bible study becomes alive and my prayer life is dynamic because 1John 5:14 says that if we ask anything according to God's will He hears us. Lastly when I walk in God's will my ministry will be satisfying and anointed.

In conclusion to these three pictures concerning the Bible we should heed the words of Paul when he said in verse 34, Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival.