

## ACTS DEVOTIONAL CHAPTER 28 UNSTOPPABLE

*“A great oak is only a little nut that held his ground.” Anonymous*

**SCRIPTURE:** “A viper fastened itself on Paul’s hand, but Paul shook the snake off...” Acts 28:3-5

“The islanders said to each other, ‘This man must be a murderer...’” vs. 4, 5

“others would not believe and began to leave” vs. 24, 25

“I was arrested and bound with this chain.” vs. 17, 20

**REFLECTION:** Satan, “that ancient serpent,” (Revelations 12:9) tries to stop us directly at that point where God will use us the most—in Paul’s case—his hand, later used by God to heal the sick. (See Acts 28:7-9) The devil’s lies fasten onto us; so we must “shake him off” with truth. (See John 8:31, 32) Fear of criticism and rejection can become hindrances. Not for Paul! (See 1 Corinthians 4:3-5) Circumstances can chain us if we let them. We say, “As soon as I am free from *this*, I will follow the Lord wholeheartedly.” This attitude keeps us stuck.

**PRAYER:**

What is trying to stop me, Lord?  
Are there lies poisoning my life?  
Show me the truth.  
Free me in my circumstance.  
Let nothing keep me from advancing Your kingdom on this earth.

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*“What was begun with so much heroism ought to be continued with ardent zeal, since we are assured that the same Lord is mighty still to carry on His heavenly designs.” Charles Spurgeon*

*“I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus*

**SCRIPTURE:** “Paul stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.” Acts 28: 30, 31

“Let’s throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us and run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith...” Hebrews 12:1, 2

**ACTIVITY:** Jesus promises to complete the work He began in us. (See Jude 24; Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 4:17, 18). If we keep our faith-filled eyes fixed on Him, we will be able to throw off all that tries to stop us. Memorize Jude 24. Say it often, to remind yourself of the Lord’s faithfulness to you. Then say this breath prayer to Him, “Let nothing hinder *me* from being faithful to *You*.”

**PRAYER:**

We hear Your words of encouragement—  
“keep on going!”  
Jesus, always faithful, always with us! Make us unstoppable!