

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER - ACTS 28

Acts 28:13-15 ¹³...on the following day we reached Puteoli. ¹⁴ There we found some brethren and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus, we came to Rome. ¹⁵ And the brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the Market of Appius and Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶ When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

Acts 28:23-24 ²³ When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. ²⁴ Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

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

TALK TOGETHER.

1. Recap the events that unfolded in Acts chapter 28. What can we learn about God's faithfulness?
2. Why do you think Paul was so encouraged by the visits with the brethren at Puteoli and the welcoming party of the Christians from Rome (v. 14-15)?
3. How did Paul respond to his struggle of being in chains even for not doing anything wrong? What struggles are you going through and how does God want you to respond?
4. In his meeting with the Jewish leaders, how did they respond to Paul's message about the kingdom of God and Jesus (v.23-24)?
5. What did Paul continue to do (v.30-31)?
6. How does Paul's life and mission inspire you to be a witness for Christ?

CONVICTION

I am be faithful to the end and will make it a priority to make Him known to others.

APPLICATION

Who needs encouragement around you and what can you do to be an encourager? How have you been a witness for Jesus this last week? Who can you share the gospel with this week?

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Lord, thank You for making us Your witnesses. Give us courage and boldness to accomplish the mission You have called us to do -- not only in words but most of all by our transformed lives. Thank You for Your promise to always be with us. Amen.

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