

**April 4 – 10, 2009**  
**DON'T GIVE UP!**

In this lesson you will learn how to not give up so you can keep going and fulfill the assignment God has for your life.

- I. Paul did not give up in the middle of a severe storm – Acts 27.
  - A. Verses 9-12 – Paul was on a ship and gave a warning that there would be great disaster, but they ignored his warning.
  - B. Verses 13-19 – When the ship went out to sea, they were caught in the middle of a great tempest.
  - C. Verse 20 – “All hope that we would be saved was finally given up.” We all know of people who are in situations where they have no hope. When it looks like all hope is gone, don’t give up!
  - D. Verses 21-22 – Paul said, “Men, you should have listened to me.” He exhorts them to “take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.”
  - E. Verses 23-24 – An angel told Paul, “Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you” – v. 24.
  - F. Verse 25 – Paul said, “Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.”
  - G. Three keys from this passage.
    1. Paul belonged to God.
    2. He served God.
    3. He believed what God said would come to pass regardless of the circumstances. We must believe, declare, and decree.
  
- II. Paul did not give up after a shipwreck and a snakebite. – Acts 28:1-5.
  - A. On the island of Malta, Paul was bitten by a snake and he shook it off. Regardless of what comes your way, you must learn to shake it off.
    1. To shake something off is to let go of it, don’t worry about it, don’t hold a grudge, don’t rehearse it, don’t go into all the negatives of it. Instead, get over it and know God will make a way.
  - B. Paul then prays for a man and he was healed and revival broke out on the island of Malta. God can turn a disaster into a revival.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Do you know you belong to God?
- Are you serving God?
- Do you believe what God said will come to pass?

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

This week make a decision to be a person who does not give up and shake off the negative things in your life.

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:** Acts 27:25 – “For I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.”