

The apostle Paul had God's promise that he would stand before Caesar in Rome, but on the journey there he had to survive a huge storm, being shipwrecked, and being bitten by a venomous snake. The islanders witnessed Paul miraculously not being harmed by the poison. Then Paul prayed for the healing of the father of the leading official of the island, as well as anyone else on the island who was sick. Not surprisingly, many of the islanders came to faith.

Sometimes God will take you on what feels like a detour on your way to your destiny. He said you are going to Rome, but you find yourself on an island with a snake bite, thinking: "This doesn't make sense." But it is not just about you; it is about the people whom God wants you to impact. There are people who need your love and healing touch. There is healing in your words. Sometimes we can get so caught up in our plans that we miss the miracles along the way. It is a divine detour. As you help *others*, that is a seed God will use to help *you*.

Acts 28:8-9 "Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him. Then all the other sick people on the island came and were healed."