

JUN 26

TUESDAY | ORDINARY TIME

“Near the shore where we landed was an estate belonging to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us and treated us kindly for three days.”
Acts 28:7 NLT

[lectio] // ACTS 28:1-10

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

Paul, after being shipwrecked and EVERYONE nearly dying, washes up on Malta Island. Almost immediately God directs him to Publius, but the man has a huge need - his father's ill. Did God CAUSE the shipwreck? No. Did God know? Yes. Did God redirect Paul to Kingdom advantage? Yes, and all of it was “planned” by God's foreknowledge, his omniscience. ““As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him.” Acts 28:8 NLT

[oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I don't like my life being shipwrecked. I don't like (tho it's better than dying) floating to shore on “broken pieces” as Larry Pyle likes to point out. And I'm positive that Paul (and you) had a great plan to begin with. Maybe a thousand thoughts went through Paul's mind about how he could or should have avoided the pain. But Paul had seen this kind of wacky-plan methodology before. So, maybe he didn't overthink it. I would love to believe that even though i'm sloshing up on the sand, surviving sneaky snakes and wondering “where am I exactly.” that you have prearranged a Publius & prayer. And BAM, I'm back on schizo-schedule, will of God.

⁴⁴ And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.