



Acts 28:1-3 NIV

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Acts 28:4-6 NIV

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Acts 28:7-10 NIV

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Acts 23:11 NIV

The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”



Acts 27:23-24 NIV

23 Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me
24 and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’

Previous Scripture: Acts 23:11;

Acts 28:1-10



Philippians 1:6 NIV

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Previous Scripture: Acts 27:23-24;

Acts 23:11; Acts 28:1-10



Philippians 4:11-13 NIV

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Previous Scripture: Philippians 1:6;

Acts 27:23-24; Acts 23:11



I. There is an Enemy We Cannot See Acts 28:1-3 NIV



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I. There is an Enemy
We Cannot See
Luke 4:13 NIV



When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



I. There is an Enemy
We Cannot See
John 10:10 NIV



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.



I. There is an Enemy
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1 Peter 5:8 NIV

Be alert and of sober mind.
Your enemy the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.

Previous Scripture: John 10:10;

Luke 4:13; Acts 28:1-3



I. There is an Enemy
We Cannot See
Ephesians 6:12 NIV



For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Previous Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8;

John 10:10; Luke 4:13



I. There is an Enemy We Cannot See

2 Corinthians 11:23-25 NIV

23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

Previous Scripture: Ephesians 6:12;

1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10



I. There is an Enemy We Cannot See

2 Corinthians 11:26-27 NIV

26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

Previous Scripture: Ephesians 6:12;

1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10



I. There is an Enemy We Cannot See



2 Corinthians 11:28-29 NIV

28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

Previous Scripture: Ephesians 6:12;

1 Peter 5:8; John 10:10



I. There is an Enemy
We Cannot See
Jonah 1:4 NIV



Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.



II. When the Enemy Strikes, Shake It Off



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Acts 14:11-13 NIV

11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. 13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.



III. Minister Even When Being Attacked By The Enemy



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Acts 28:4-6; Jonah 1:4



III. Minister Even When Being Attacked By The Enemy



Acts 9:16 NIV

I will show him how much he must
suffer for my name.



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1 Corinthians 15:56-58 NIV

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Previous Scripture: Acts 9:16;

Acts 28:7-10; Acts 14:11-13