

God's Chosen Vessel

A Study in the Life of the Apostle Paul



Lesson 4: Paul the Soldier

Taken from Acts 27, 28 and 1 Cor 11, 12.

Paul was God's chosen vessel. This means God had a special plan for Paul's life, to use him for His purpose and His glory!

Paul wanted to follow God's plan for His life so he became a strong soldier of Jesus Christ. A soldier endures much hardship to fight for the truth of God's Word.

Memory Verse-

"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."
2 Tim 2:3

(The fish was used as a symbol of Christianity from the early church until now. Can you find the hidden fish in each picture?)

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As a soldier of Jesus Christ Paul travelled the world to fight for the truth of God's Word. He endured much hardship in order to share the gospel with everyone he could.

Paul spent many long days sailing the seas. Three times he was shipwrecked and even spent a day and a night floating in the deep ocean.



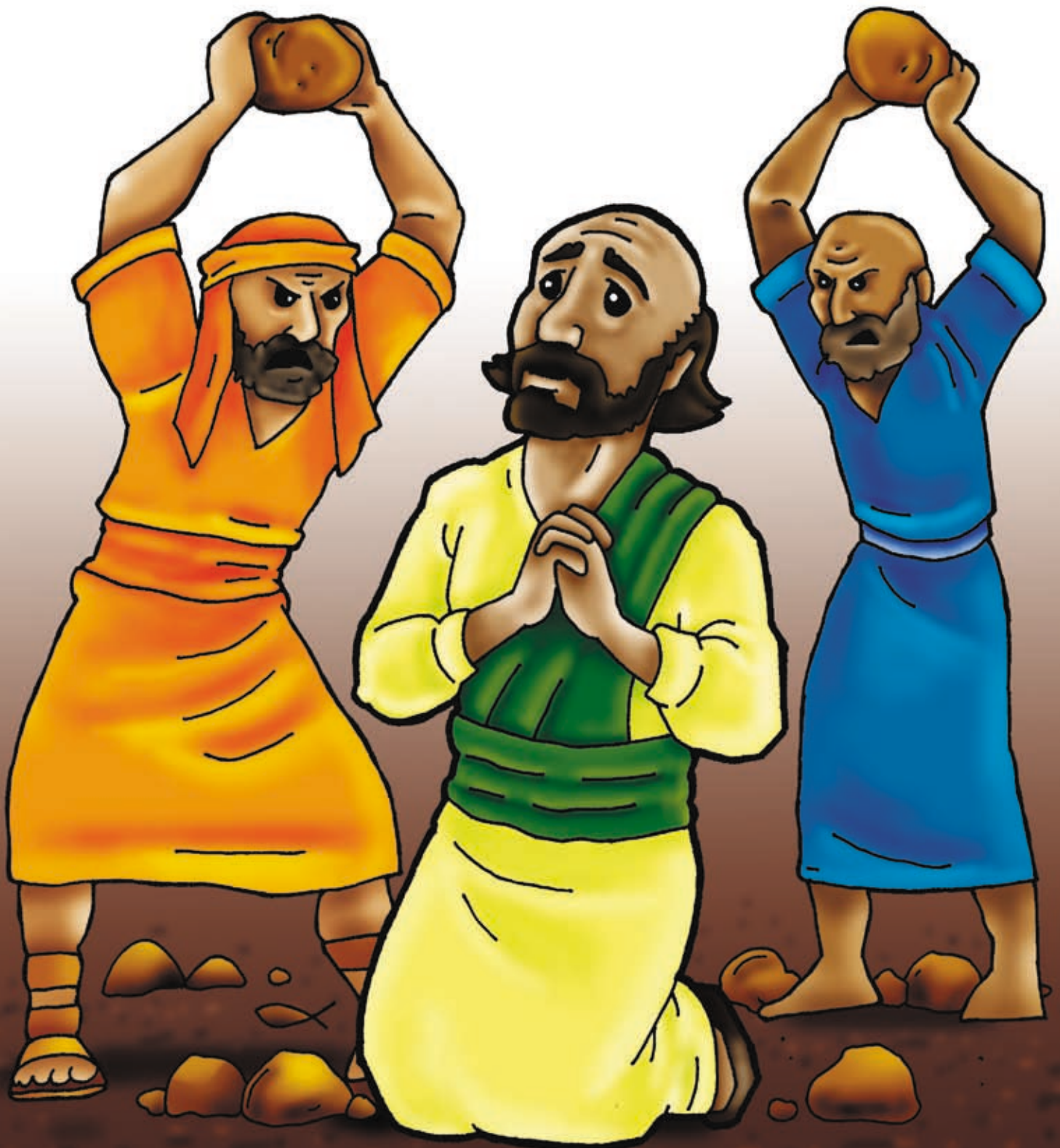
He journeyed long hard trails enduring sleepless nights, hunger, thirst, cold and exhaustion.

He journeyed with a purpose- to lead people to Jesus Christ.



Those who were opposed to the gospel stoned Paul until they thought he was dead.

But he rose up in the strength of God and continued to preach God's Word.



Three times Paul was beaten with rods and five times he was whipped with 39 lashes!

This is how he suffered for the sake of the gospel.



At the end of his life Paul was chained to a Roman soldier and used this time to write letters of instruction and encouragement to the churches he loved. We have those letters in our Bibles today as the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians.

We all are blessed by the willingness of Paul to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ!



As a good soldier of Jesus Christ, Paul dressed his soul in the armor of God every day!
See what amazing things God did with Paul's life?



You can read about this 'spiritual armor' in Ephesians 6:13-17. And, like Paul, you can take up the armor of God to stand firm in all hardships of life.

You are God's chosen vessel.
This means God has a very special plan for your
life, to use you for His purpose and His glory!

God wants you to be a strong soldier of Jesus
Christ and endure hardship for the sake of the
gospel. Walk in the footsteps of Paul and boldly
proclaim the truth of God's Word!

And see what amazing things God will do with
your life!

