



# **Paul and the Shipwreck**

**Acts 27:13-44**

**Lieutenant Ruby searched through the Skylab Omega’s communications log and shook her head. There was still no sign of Captain Yago or Ambassador Nofutu. They lost contact with the two men a week earlier and had not heard from them since. The crew was worried.**

**Ruby jumped at the sudden sound of the computer’s voice. “Visitor arriving! Visitor arriving! In 5-4-3-2-1!” She ran to the teleport room in time to see Ambassador Nofutu, wearing his usual bright red hat, shimmer into view. Nofutu hopped out of the teleport tube and nearly crushed Ruby with a huge bear hug.**

**“Boogah, boogah, boogah, Kong-a-loosh! Oh, Lieutenant Ruby! It’s so good to see you! It’s so good to see anyone!”**

**“Ambassador Nofutu! Where have you been? We were worried sick!” Ruby replied.**

**“You were worried? We were worried! Everyone was worried!” said Nofutu.**

**“Well, where did you go?” asked Ruby.**

**“We got shipwrecked!” Nofutu exclaimed, bouncing up and down.**

**Ruby gasped, “Shipwrecked? But I thought Captain Yago was an excellent pilot.”**

**“He is! He told me so, himself,” Nofutu nodded furiously, “but we ran into a meteor storm. The ship was struck, we lost engine power, and the ship began hurtling toward Planet Galatia!”**

**Ruby stared wide eyed. “Well, what did you say?”**

**“We said, ‘Ahhhhhhh!’” Nofutu yelled.**

**Ruby shook her head. “I mean, what did you do?”**

**Nofutu clapped his hands together loudly. “We crashed.”**

**“I mean after! How did you get to safety?” Ruby asked, completely exasperated.**

**“Well, Captain Yago kept telling the crew that if we stayed with the ship we would be all right,” Nofutu finally finished.**

**"Praise God!" Ruby exclaimed as she sat down in the teleport control chair.**

**"We did," Nofutu noted, "and we prayed, alot! The ship was too damaged to fly but Captain Yago was able to repair the radio."**

**"What did you say?" Ruby asked.**

**"We said, 'HELP!!'" Nofutu yelled.**

**Ruby leaned forward. "And did someone rescue you?"**

**"No..." Nofutu laughed at his own joke before saying, "Of course we were rescued! How else would I be here?"**

**"I'm so glad you made it!" Ruby sighed. "Is Captain Yago okay?"**

**Nofutu nodded. "Yes, he said it made him trust God even more!"**

**"That's true. It's those times of real emergency when we learn to put our trust in God," Ruby agreed. "Paul learned that lesson when his ship was wrecked."**

**Nofutu's eyelids flew up. "Paul was shipwrecked also?"**

**Ruby laughed. "Oh yes, guess where you can find that story?"**

**"I know! I know!" Nofutu yelled and ran to retrieve the Bible from its box. "Here you go! Story time!" He gave the book to Ruby and then promptly plopped down on the floor in front of her.**

**Ruby opened the Bible to Acts 27. "Paul was on a ship with a whole bunch of men."**

**Nofutu pointed to himself. "What do you know? So were we!"**

**"And they were caught in a storm," Ruby continued.**

**"What do you know? So were we!" Nofutu interrupted again.**

**"And they were afraid the ship was going to be torn apart," Ruby continued.**

**"What do you know? So were we!" Nofutu interrupted yet again.**

**"But an angel appeared to Paul and told him they would all survive if they just stayed with the ship," Lt. Ruby kept reading.**

**Nofutu clapped. "That's the same thing Captain Yago said to us!"**

**"Maybe Captain Yago knew what Paul knew, that God had a plan," Ruby pondered. "It's like it says in the Virtual Bible..."**

**"Ooh, the beepity beeps!" Nofutu interrupted. He reached for the remote. "Let me get beepity beeps!" He pushed a few buttons and the Bible verses appeared on the computer screen. He read, "So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as He told me." He looked at Ruby. "Wow, God had a plan for Paul's life!"**

**"God has a plan for all of our lives!" Ruby confirmed.**

**Nofutu jumped up and danced around the room. "I wonder if God has a plan for me and Captain Yago and I and me?"**

**"He has a plan for all of you and us," said Ruby. "We just have to trust Him."**

**"I do! I do trust him!" Nofutu nodded. He nodded so hard that his hat almost flew off. He clamped one hand down on the top just in time to keep it on his head. "Captain Yago trusted Him to rescue us! I'm going to call Captain Yago and tell him God has a plan for us just like He had for Paul!"**

**"And we can trust God to complete His plan!" Ruby assured. "After all, Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!" She stood up and flashed a huge grin at her friend. "And now we should go to the bridge so Commander Cosmos can hear that you and Captain Yago are safe. He will be very happy to see you!"**

**"Ok!" Nofutu agreed. He grabbed Ruby's arm and together they squeezed through the door that led to the bridge and to a soon-to-be-relieved Commander Cosmos.**