

# Acts 27:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

## Analysis

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**While the day was coming on**—Paul seized the psychological moment between darkness and dawn to address the ship's crisis. **This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting** emphasizes sustained distress; the Greek asitoi (without food) suggests anxiety-induced inability to eat, not religious fasting. Two weeks of terror had depleted them physically and spiritually.

Paul's exhortation (parekalei, 'besought') shows pastoral concern for practical needs. The apostle modeled spiritual leadership addressing whole-person welfare—not just souls but bodies, not merely eternal destiny but present survival. His **having taken nothing** indicates they'd subsisted on minimal food, weakening them for the coming ordeal of swimming ashore.

## Historical Context

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Ancient sailors feared shipwreck intensely; most couldn't swim. Fourteen days adrift in storm-tossed seas would have caused severe dehydration, exhaustion, and fear-induced appetite loss. The Adriatic Sea (Acts 27:27) was notorious for sudden violent storms. Dawn brought first opportunity to assess their location and plan landing strategy.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does crisis-induced anxiety prevent you from accepting God's provision for basic needs?
2. What does Paul's concern for physical welfare teach about holistic spiritual leadership?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἄχρι δὲ οὗ ἔμελλεν ἡμέραν γίνεσθαι παρεκάλει ὁ  
while And G3739 on G3195 day G2250 was coming G1096 besought G3870 G3588  
G891 G1161 G3195 G2250 G1096 G3870 G3588

Παῦλος ἄπαντας μεταλαβεῖν τροφῆς λέγων,  
Paul them all to take meat saying  
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Τεσσαρεσκαιδεκάτην σήμερον ἡμέραν προσδοκῶντες ἄσιτοι  
is the fourteenth This day day that ye have tarried fasting  
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διατελεῖτε μηδὲν προσλαβόμενοι  
and continued nothing having taken  
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