

# Acts 27:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

## Analysis

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**This is for your health** (Greek *sōtērias*, salvation/preservation)—Paul connected eating with survival. The same word used for spiritual salvation here means physical deliverance, showing Scripture's holistic anthropology. **There shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you** quotes proverbial language (1 Samuel 14:45, Luke 21:18) emphasizing God's meticulous care. Not one life—not even one hair—would be lost.

Paul's language echoes Jesus' assurance (Luke 12:7, 21:18), demonstrating how Scripture saturation shaped the apostle's speech even in crisis. His confidence wasn't presumption but reliance on divine promise (v. 23-24). The prisoner had become encourager, the accused become savior of his captors—foreshadowing the gospel's reversal of expectations.

## Historical Context

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The promise 'not a hair fall' was ancient Semitic idiom for complete preservation (2 Samuel 14:11). Paul's use of this language with pagans shows Scripture's universal applicability. His credibility—proven by accurate storm prediction and angelic visitation—made this extraordinary promise believable even to skeptical soldiers and sailors.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's promise of complete preservation ('not a hair') demonstrate His concern for details in our lives?
2. When has Scripture saturation enabled you to speak God's truth effectively in crisis?

## Interlinear Text

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διὸ	παρακαλῶ	ὕμᾱς	προσλαβεῖν	τροφῆς·	τοῦτο	γὰρ	
Wherefore	I pray	you	to take	some meat	this	for	
G1352	G3870	G5209	G4355	G5160	G5124	G1063	
πρὸς	τῆς	ὑμετέρας	σωτηρίας	ὑπάρχει	οὐδενὸς	γὰρ	ὕμῶν
for	G3588	your	health	is	not	for	of you
G4314		G5212	G4991	G5225	G3762	G1063	G5216
θρῖξ	ἐκ	τῆς	κεφαλῆς	πεσεῖται			
an hair	from	G3588	the head	fall			
G2359	G1537		G2776	G4098			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 10:30** (Parallel theme): But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**1 Kings 1:52** (Parallel theme): And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

**Luke 21:18** (Parallel theme): But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

