

# 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	ὑμᾶς	προσλαβεῖν	τροφῆς·	τοῦτο	γὰρ	
<b>Wherefore</b>	<b>I pray</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>to take</b>	<b>some meat</b>	<b>this</b>	<b>for</b>	
G1352	G3870	G5209	G4355	G5160	G5124	G1063	
πρὸς	τῆς	ὑμετέρας	σωτηρίας	ὑπάρχει	οὐδενὸς	γὰρ	ὑμῶν
<b>for</b>	<b>G3588</b>	<b>your</b>	<b>health</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>of you</b>
G4314	G5212	G4991	G5225	G3762	G1063	G5216	
θρὶξ	ἐκ	τῆς	κεφαλῆς	πεσεῖται			
<b>an hair</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>G3588</b>	<b>the head</b>	<b>fall</b>			
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.

