

**Next Day Living Series**  
**Part One**  
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**Newport News**

**Opening**

**-Do you know what day it is?**

- It's not Saturday.
- It's not January 8<sup>th</sup>.

My question is not about a demarcation of time. My question is about a responsibility to embrace.

-Do you know what day it is?

**Introduction**

-Acts 27:1-4a

Today is the Next Day, tomorrow is the Next Day, the day after tomorrow is the Next Day. Every day for the rest of our lives is supposed to be the Next Day.

**Next Day living is a responsibility to embrace, a way of life that says I am willing to have a little less so someone else can have just enough!**

-(explain pic on slide...Crusaders Castle off the coast of Sidon)

-more about Next Day Living

- Not talking about Marxism or economics...
- It's not a rich young ruler moment
- Exceptional vs. Normative
- Having margins in your finances
- Update waterline and HVAC... (\$11,500)

-I hope this becomes part of the City Life vocabulary...I want us to be a Next Day people, a Next Day church, a Next Day culture!!!!

## The Next Day for Marcellin

-Acts 27:3

- Will you come to the port with me?
- What kind of friend will you be?

**-(show picture of Marcellin Bonhomme)**

**-(show picture of building the bridge in 2014) - 3**

**-(show pictures of Marcellin's house from August of this year) - 2**

-City Life is committing \$10k...we want to raise another \$5k this month in what we are calling our Legacy Offering (every January from now on for a missions project).

**-Are you willing to have a little less so Marcellin's family can have just enough?**

- Like Paul, this need has come ashore!
- Not nothing for everything...less for just enough!

-The Legacy Offering...online, in the memo of your check...

## The Next Day for Missionaries

-Acts 19:21 (each of our missionaries had a moment like this)

-Acts 23:11 (each of our missionaries...)

**-(show list for monthly support...these are our Pauls!!!!!!)**

-A message you believe...to places you will never go!

-The Sidonians never boarded that ship that put out to sea...

*>It wasn't their trip to make but it was their ministry to make possible!!!!*

**-Are you willing to have a little less so the missionaries we support can have just enough?**

-(we'll talk about how in just a minute)

## The Next Day Legacy

-Acts 27:4a

*-When you step into a Next Day moment, you become part of that story...you become part of that ministry!*

-All the people Paul preached to along the way... (The Gospel)

-The miracles he performed while shipwrecked on the island...

-Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon written in Rome...

*>Paul was in Rome because a group of people in a far away place were willing to have a little less so he could have just enough!*

**-(show missionary list again)...**their ministry is your legacy!

**-(show Marcellin again)...**his home is your legacy!

## Band

-Everyone hold your Faith Promise Card...

-(talk about the card's monthly portion)

-next week I will talk about the annual portion...

## Close

I want you to imagine yourself in Heaven...this life has ended for you and there you are now a part of the great cloud of witnesses we read about in the book Hebrews...or maybe you prefer to envision yourself in the crowd of saints surrounding the throne of Heaven we read about in Revelation...or maybe you prefer the picture Jesus painted for us in Matthew 25 when He said, "as much as you have done to the least of these..." ... I want to imagine people coming up to you, people you might not even know... saying thank you...I am here because of you!!!!!!! (paint picture of a missionary pointing out all those who supported them)