



*But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. Acts 28:3*

*So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live." Acts 28:4*

*But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. Acts 28:5*

*However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god. Acts 28:6*

- 1. The devil doesn't need a reason to attack you.**
- 2. Don't look for snakes, gather sticks.**
- 3. Just as a snake's venom spreads through a bite, Satan gains access when we agree with his lies.**
- 4. You can't overcome the devil the way you overcome life's hardships.**

Storms, we survive.

Snakes, we shake.

*We are called to:*

- \* Submit to God and resist the Devil (James 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8-9)
- \* Stand firm against the devil's schemes by putting on the armor of God (Eph 6:11, 13)
- \* Don't give the devil a foothold (Eph 4:27)
- \* Overcome him by the blood of Jesus and your testimony (Rev 12:11)
- \* Use the word of God as a weapon (Mt 4:4)
- \* Walk in the light (1 Jn 1:7)

Demons on the inside, we remove.

Demons on the outside, we resist.