



Hey DFMC Family,

This Sunday we continue our **Message in a Bottle** series with a beautiful and hope-filled message called “**Island of Refuge.**”

After surviving a brutal storm and shipwreck, Paul and 275 others washed up on the island of **Malta** — known in the ancient world as **Melita**, meaning “*a place of refuge.*” And Scripture tells us that the islanders showed them **unusual kindness**. Extraordinary hospitality. A warmth that opened the door to healing, blessing, and even miracles (Acts 28:1–10).

This week we’ll explore how **kindness, welcome, and hospitality** aren’t small gestures — they are **life-changing, storm-breaking, faith-opening acts of God’s love**.

And we’ll be challenged to ask:

- Who are the “shipwrecked” around us? How can we become their Malta — their place of refuge?
- How does hospitality become healing in the hands of God?
- Where can we display unusual kindness and hospitality in our community?

If you know someone who’s been beaten by life’s storms, **this is the perfect Sunday to invite them.**

A warm welcome might be exactly the refuge they need. Come ready to be encouraged — and to become an encourager.

We’ll see you at **10:30 AM!**

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