

CP— 4/7/24

## Acts 21:1–16 — Courage in God’s Call

### **Sermon Outline**

***“Courage is rooted in purpose, committed in adversity, sacrificial to the highest, and motivating to others.”***

#### **1. Rooted in Purpose (21:1–3)**

- Acts 20:22–24
  - "testify to the gospel of grace"
    - How would Paul testify?
      - Preaching the gospel
      - Sharing to love offering collected by the Gentiles
      - Meeting physical and spiritual needs
- The call of God gives courage.
- The call of God deserves obedience.
- The call of God supplies joy.
- The call of God provides purpose.

### **Application**

\*What’s your purpose?

\*To what or where has God called you?

\*Ask the Lord to reveal it to you.

#### **2. Committed in Adversity (21:4–6)**

- An understanding of purpose produces perseverance.
  - Adversity is sometimes obvious and sometimes not.
- Courage to stay committed when don’t see the full picture.
- Courage to stay committed when others don’t understand.
- Courage to stay committed because of God’s call.

### **Application**

\*How easy is it for us to get derailed?

\*Has something or someone made you lose sight of your purpose?

\*We live to please God not man.

\*Love people, but love Jesus more.

\*Value input, but follow God’s will.

### **3. Sacrificial to the Highest (21:7–14)**

- Luke 9:23; Acts 20:24; Galatians 2:20
- Paul had loose hands on all things temporal so he could take hold of Christ the eternal.

#### **Application:**

- \*What has it cost you to follow Jesus?
- \*What are you willing to lose for the sake of Christ?
- \*There is something far worse than dying: not living.
- \*Following Jesus is costly, but not following Him is more costly.

### **4. Motivating to Others (21:15–16)**

- Courage is contagious.
- Passion is contagious.

#### **Application:**

- \*God wants to use you to motivate others to live for Him.
- \*Serve the Lord with gladness and consistency

#### **Small Group Discussion**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Bible passage and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions might you have?
2. What was the main theme from the text and sermon Sunday? (“Courage is rooted in purpose, committed in adversity, sacrificial to the highest, and motivating to others”) Take a moment and break this sentence down.
3. How is courage rooted in purpose? What is our purpose as Christ followers generally and specifically? Have you experienced God’s call on your life for a specific purpose or task?
4. Pastor Justin made a statement that God’s call gives courage, demands obedience, supplies joy, and provides purpose. How can all of these be true? Discuss.
5. Was Paul disobedient to the Spirit in Phoenicia? Why or why not?
6. How does Paul’s statement in Acts 21:13 challenge you?
7. Spend some time in prayer that we would be courageous servants of the Lord.