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Ready to Be Imprisoned and to Die

Acts 21:1-16

I. Courage to Keep Going (vv. 1-6)

- A. Paul _____ from Miletus to Tyre (vv. 1-3)
[Acts 20:30; Lk. 22:41; Acts 27:37]
- B. Paul was told _____ to go Jerusalem (v. 4)
[Acts 7:58; 11:19; Acts 15:37-39; 1 Cor. 14:29; Acts 16:6-7; 19:21; 20:22-23, 24; 23:1]
- C. Paul got on board while the others _____ home (vv. 5-6)
[Acts 20:38; 20:23; Luke 9:23]

II. Courage to Be Imprisoned and to Die (vv. 7-16)

- A. Being _____ with Philip (vv. 7-9)
[2 Cor. 11:28; Acts 6:5-6; 8:5, 26, 40; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Cor. 7:34; 14:33-34; 1 Tim. 2:11-12]
- B. Being _____ by Agabus (vv. 10-12)
[Acts 11:28; 1 Kgs. 11:29-39; Isa. 20:2-6; Jer. 13:1-11; Ezek. 4-5]

C. Being _____ to the Lord Jesus (vv. 13-14)
[Rom. 8:36; 2 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 2:17; Acts 15:26; Lk. 9:51; 18:31-33; Heb. 12:1-2]

D. Being _____ to finish the mission (vv. 15-16) [2 Tim. 4:7-8]

III. Courage to Apply the Lessons Learned

- A. Love people, but love Jesus _____ (Matt. 10:37)
- B. Value input, but _____ God's will
(Prov. 15:22; 20:18; Matt. 28:18-19)
- C. The only thing that is _____ than dying is not living
(Mk. 8:35-36; Acts 20:24)
- D. When you follow Jesus down the Via _____, you're not alone
and you won't regret it (Phil. 1:21-23)
- E. Following Jesus is costly, but _____ following Jesus is more costly
(Mk. 8:36-38)

TAKE HOME

- Do you have the courage to keep **going**, even if well intended family and friends encourage you otherwise?
- Do you have the courage to be **imprisoned** and to even die for the sake of Christ?
- Do you understand that no matter the cost of following Jesus, you will never **regret** it?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 21:1-3. What can we learn about Paul’s travel from Miletus to Tyre? What kind of courage and conviction does this show? (Acts 20:30; Lk. 22:41; Acts 27:37)

2. Read Acts 21:4-6. Why was Paul told not to go to Jerusalem? Was this from the Holy Spirit or from the disciples’ own intuition? Why did Paul go forward even though he was encouraged not to? What can we learn from this? (Acts 7:58; 11:19; Acts 15:37-39; 1 Cor. 14:29; Acts 16:6-7; 19:21; 20:22-23, 24; 23:1; Lk. 9:23)

3. Read Acts 21:7-9. In what way are we reacquainted with Philip? What do we know about his past contribution to the ministry of the gospel? What can we learn from his daughter’s prophesies? (2 Cor. 11:28; Acts 6:5-6; 8:5, 26, 40; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 Cor. 7:34; 14:33-34; 1 Tim. 2:11-12)

4. Read Acts 21:10-12. Who is Agabus? Where have we seen him before? What was the point of his prophecy? (Acts 11:28;

5. Read Acts 21:13-14. In what way was Paul being obedient to the Lord Jesus? How do you know if you are being obedient to the Lord or not? (Rom. 8:36; 2 Cor. 4:16; Phil. 2:17; Acts 15:26; Lk. 9:51; 18:31-33; Heb. 12:1-2)

6. Read Acts 21:15-16. How does this section end? Why did the believers from Caesarea travel with Paul toward Jerusalem? Have you seen other examples where courage is infectious? (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

7. Review the lessons learned. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“As on every occasion when Paul suffered, the Lord would use the situation to accomplish His plan. In fact, Luke’s narrative demonstrates that every circumstance, from the ascension of Christ, to the imprisonment of Paul in Rome, had unfolded according to God’s design.”

- Charles Swindoll, *Living Insights NT Commentary on Acts*