

## TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 42

### WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

**Staying the Course When All Counsel Is Contrary**

(Acts 21:1-14)

#### INTRODUCTION:

#### THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT:

*"Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem..."*

—Acts 19:21a

*"And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.<sup>24</sup> But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."*

—Acts 20:22-24

#### 1A. TWO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PASSAGE:

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Paul \_\_\_\_\_ on His Journey to Jerusalem.

*"When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo."*

—Acts 21:1-3

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Paul \_\_\_\_\_ on His Journey to Jerusalem.

*"After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem."*

—Acts 21:4

#### 2A. THREE \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE PASSAGE:

1B. What the \_\_\_\_\_ Consistently Said:

- "Bonds and afflictions await you in Jerusalem. Suffering should be \_\_\_\_\_."

*"As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.<sup>11</sup> And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, 'This is what the Holy Spirit says: "In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles."*

—Acts 21:10-12

2B. What the \_\_\_\_\_ Consistently Said:

- “ \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem. Suffering should be \_\_\_\_\_.”

“After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.”

—Acts 21:4

“When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.”

—Acts 21:12

3B. What the \_\_\_\_\_ Consistently Said:

- “ \_\_\_\_\_ to Jerusalem. Suffering should be \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Then Paul answered, ‘What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.’”

—Acts 21:13

1C. “I am going... \_\_\_\_\_.”

- Paul understood that prophetic \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spirit concerning the suffering that lay ahead were never intended to \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ suffering but to \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ it.

2C. “I am going... \_\_\_\_\_.”

- Paul wasn’t just taking the \_\_\_\_\_ to the church in Jerusalem, he was taking the \_\_\_\_\_.

3C. “I am going... \_\_\_\_\_.”

- Paul wasn’t just following the \_\_\_\_\_, he was following the \_\_\_\_\_.

CONCLUSION: