

GETTING DIRECTIONS 1. PURPOSE

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⁷ We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed with them for a day. ⁸ Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

¹⁰ After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, 'The Holy Spirit says, "In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles."'

¹² When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, 'Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.' ¹⁴ When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, 'The Lord's will be done.'

¹⁵ After this, we started on our way up to Jerusalem.

Acts 21

#1. KNOW CHRIST

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of <u>knowing Christ Jesus my Lord</u>, for whose sake I have lost all things. Philippians 3

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us <u>throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles</u>. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12

#2. IMITATE CHRIST

²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be <u>conformed to the image of his Son</u>, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.'

Luke 19

#3. SERVE CHRIST

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should <u>no longer live for themselves but for him</u> who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5
²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. Philippians 1
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. When have you sought to know God's direction for something in your life? Was there anything lacking in your motivation and approach towards seeking God's will?
Read Romans 12:2. What purpose have you been living for? To what extent have you been conformed to the patterns of this world, and what do you need to change?
3. Now that you know God's purpose for you, what are some practical decisions you ought to make differently in your life?