

The Book of Acts - Chapter 20 & 21
LIFE IS FULL OF ADJUSTMENTS
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Acts 8.3

But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

NOTE: Google: Sheep Among Wolves Vol. 2

Acts 9.16

And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake.
(His named changed from Saul to Paul.)

Acts 20.1-3

When the uproar was over, Paul sent for the believers and encouraged them. Then he said good-bye and left for Macedonia.² While there, he encouraged the believers in all the towns he passed through. Then he traveled down to Greece,³ where he stayed for three months. He was preparing to sail back to Syria when he discovered a plot by some Jews against his life, so he decided to return through Macedonia.

The details of how life changed for Paul is a reminder to us all:

"Don't expect life to be easy."

NOTE THIS: Our plans can and will change but nothing will change about our God. He orchestrates change that may often appear ill timed.

Here's what wisdom says when God makes an adjustment:

1. There must be something to learn that I never would have learned.

DEPENDENCE

2. There must be something to experience that I never would have experienced. INSIGHT
3. There must be someone I must meet that I never would have met. RELATIONSHIP

Acts 21.10-14

Several days later a man named Agabus, who also had the gift of prophecy, arrived from Judea. ¹¹ He came over, took Paul's belt, and bound his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit declares, 'So shall the owner of this belt be bound by the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem and turned over to the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the local believers all begged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ¹³ But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."

The same Lord working in Paul's day has not changed because it's the 21st century. Therefore:

1. Let's PLAN well while knowing that everything is subject to change.
2. Let's not spend time living in the past and bemoaning plans that did not work out as we had ANTICIPATED.
3. Let's become ADAPTABLE when plans change.

SALVATION PRAYER

Jesus, I find myself being drawn to You. I want You to be my Savior and Lord. I confess that my sin has separated me from You. Forgive me and cleanse me from sin. I ask You to live through me each day as I humble myself before You. Amen.