



Just Shout Louder! (Or Not.)

Acts 19:21-41

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There is an ongoing battle for the heart, soul, strength and mind of every person, and you are on the **FRONT LINES**.

“...saying that gods **MADE** with hands are not gods.”

Something might be good for business, but it makes a **LOUSY** God.

“**FEAR** fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was **EXTOLLED**.”

“**GREAT IS ARTEMIS OF THE EPHESIANS!**” (repeat...loudly...for 2 hours straight!)

It's easy to think **ZEAL** means **LOUD**.

You can be loud and **PERSISTENT** and completely **WRONG** at the same time.

Jesus' zeal was different:

1. You see **RESOLVE**.
2. You see **PRINCIPAL**.
3. You see **HUMBLE OBEDIENCE**.

If your zeal is for anything or anyone other than Christ **CRUCIFIED** and risen, your zeal is misplaced.

It's really easy to let other things **DISTRACT** us from the true author and perfecter of our faith.

“...You can **STEAL** away someone's best years not in sweet sins but in a dreary flickering of the mind...in the gratification of curiosities so **FEEBLE** that the man is only half aware of them...” -C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

For this Sunday, read Acts 20:1-16