

“Follow Your Dreams”

For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you; but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

Romans 15:22-25

1. Dream _____, but dream _____ dreams.
(Rom. 15:20-29; Psalms 37:4)

2. Godly _____ move you in Godly
_____.
(Rom. 15:28-32)

3. A dream is not truly a _____
when _____ is in it.
(Acts 28:30,31)

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of your dreams?
2. What “nightmares” in your life ended up being a blessing from God?
3. Read the riveting highlights of Paul’s dreams being fulfilled, although much differently than he had expected. Note also God’s involvement along the way:
 - Acts 21:27-36 The riot in Jerusalem that led to Paul’s arrest
 - Acts 22:30 Paul’s defense before the Sanhedrin (Jewish Council)
 - Acts 23:9-11 Split reaction by the Sanhedrin to Paul’s testimony followed by God’s confirmation of Paul’s dream
 - Acts 23:12-24 Plot to assassinate Paul thwarted and Paul taken to Caesarea to stand trial
 - Acts 24:27 Paul remains in a Caesarean jail for over two years awaiting extradition to Rome
 - Acts 27:1 Paul sets sail as a prisoner for Italy
 - Acts 27:13-24 Ship caught in terrifying storm, but God reaffirms His involvement in Paul’s dream to get to Rome
 - Acts 27:37-44 Shipwrecked but saved
 - Acts 28:1-11 Venomous snake bite followed by a miraculous ministry on Malta for three months
 - Acts 28:12-16 “and thus we came to Rome”
 - Acts 28:30,31 Two year ministry in Rome while under house arrest

There is no clear biblical record of what happened next to the Apostle Paul, but Church Fathers say Paul made it to Spain and ministered there.
4. What have you learned from the example of the Apostle Paul? How might this affect YOUR dreams?