

## **Should Paul Go?**

**Series:** The End of the Beginning (message 2) **Date:** June 13/14, 2020

Intro

Acts 21:1-17

**WE ARE NOT CALLED TO SHY AWAY FROM DANGER, BUT TO BE OBEDIENT TO GODS WILL FOR OUR LIVES.**

**WE ARE NOT CALLED TO BE SAFE, BUT TO LIVE BY FAITH.**

- Philippians 1:29

**YOU MIGHT NOT BE CALLED TO PURSUE PERIL, BUT RATHER TO PURSUE PRAYER.**

**WHEN THE SPIRIT MAKES HIS VISION CLEAR, WILL YOU RESPOND IN FAITH OR FEAR?**

- Philippians 1:20-21

**LET YOUR PRAYERS BE MEANT TO ENCOURAGE NOT DISCOURAGE.**

- 1 Peter 4:13

**BEING OBEDIENT TO GODS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE YOU LOOK MORE LIKE CHRIST.**

# sermon discussion

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## OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been convinced that God was leading you to do something challenging? What happened? How did you know God was leading you?
2. **Read Acts 21:10-12.** Do you think the pleas for Paul not to visit Jerusalem were understandable? Were they wise? Unwise? Explain.
3. **Read 1 Peter 3:13-18.** How can Christ's example give us hope in times of suffering? What can our suffering accomplish?
4. **Read Acts 21:13-15.** Why do you think Paul's friends changed their minds and accepted his decision in verse 14? What do you think persuaded them?
5. What is the relationship between individual convictions about God's will and the counsel of others to help discern God's will? What is the danger of relying solely on one or the other?
6. **Read Proverbs 18:21.** When have you seen the power of someone else's words help propel you do to something difficult?
7. Who can you encourage this week to do what God has called them to do despite the discomfort, opposition, or challenges they may face? What are some specific ways you could pray for them?

## PRAYER

## MEMORIZE

*But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.  
Have no fear of them, nor be troubled. **1 Peter 5:14** ESV*