

1. Intro

- Continuing to look at the conclusion to Paul's letter to the church in Rome.
- Last week, we were reminded of some of the truths that Paul taught in Romans, and we talked about how the power to transform lives is in the Gospel and the Holy Spirit, not the impressiveness of the messenger.
- Today, Paul tells the church in Rome his future plans and gives prayer requests.

2. Text: Romans 15:23-33

Romans 15:23-24

- Paul wrote to inform the church in Rome of his **plan**: to visit them on his journey to Spain, to fellowship with them, and to possibly receive financial support.
- Paul was **eager** to visit with the believers in Rome... most of whom he didn't even know.

Romans 15:25-29

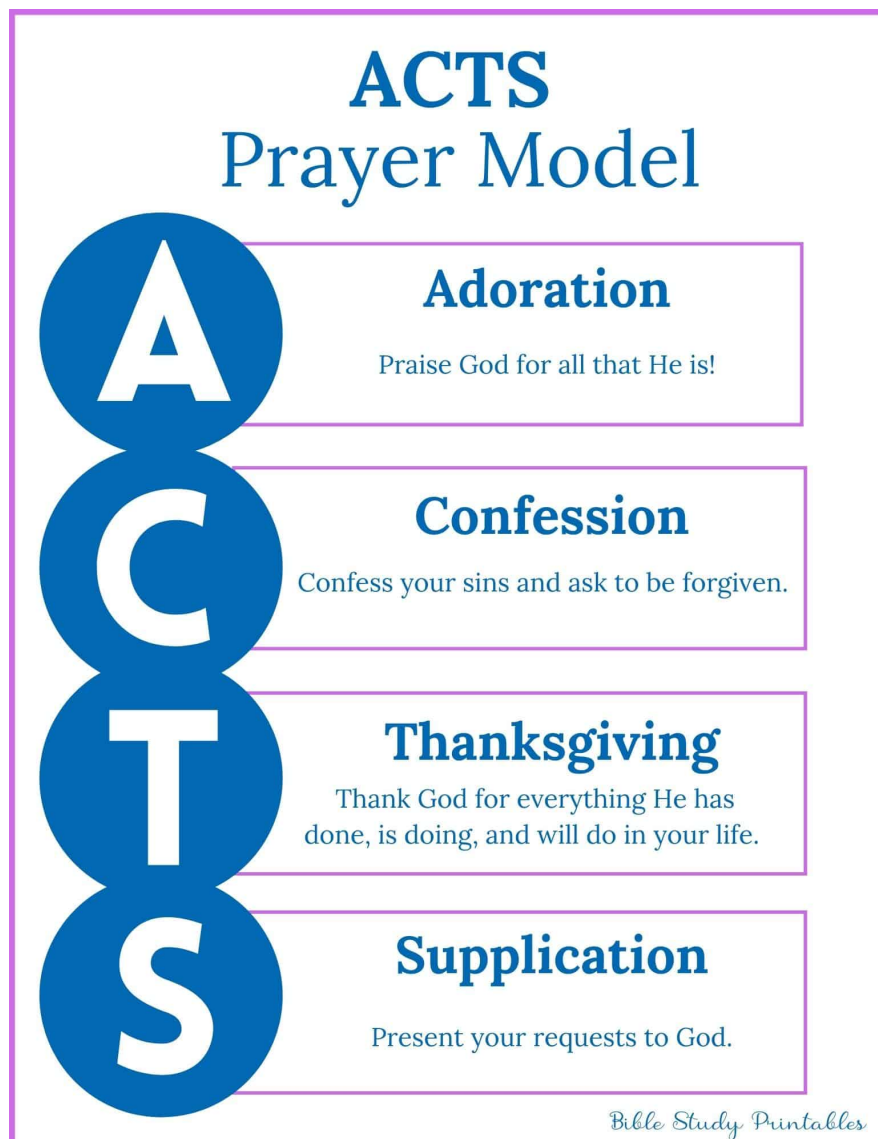
- Before going to Rome and Spain, Paul first **planned** to travel to Jerusalem in order to take a financial gift to the poor among the believers there.
 - The account in the book of Acts tells us that Paul's **plans** didn't turn out exactly the way he hoped.
 - **Acts 28:30-31**
 - Paul willingly **surrendered** his plans to God's plans.
- "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our **steps**." - **Proverbs 16:9**
 - **Isaiah 55:8-9** - "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Romans 15:30-33

- Paul urged the church in Rome to join him in his struggle by **praying** for him.
 - If Paul needed prayer, we do too!
 - Some verses regarding prayer:

- **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- **1 Peter 5:7** - "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."
- **Philippians 4:6-7** - "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

3. Application:



The diagram is titled "ACTS Prayer Model" in blue text. It features a vertical stack of four blue circles on the left, each containing a white letter: 'A', 'C', 'T', and 'S'. To the right of each circle is a white rectangular box with a purple border. Each box contains the corresponding letter's meaning in bold blue text, followed by a descriptive sentence in smaller blue text. The boxes are: 'A' Adoration (Praise God for all that He is!), 'C' Confession (Confess your sins and ask to be forgiven.), 'T' Thanksgiving (Thank God for everything He has done, is doing, and will do in your life.), and 'S' Supplication (Present your requests to God.). At the bottom right of the diagram, the text "Bible Study Printables" is written in a small, italicized font.

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