

ACTS -FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 40

Review: Following Paul's "Pastor's Conference" with the Ephesians Elders at Miletus, his company pursues their plans to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost.

I. When Personal Passions Trump God's Purpose - Acts 21

A) Our passion may be POWERFUL - Acts 20:22

1) A powerful DESIRE - "I want to do this"

2) A powerful DETERMINATION - "I will do this"

3) A powerful DESTINY - "I must do this"

B) Our passion may be PRACTICAL - Phil. 3:4-6

1) We may feel highly EDUCATED / GIFTED - vs. 4-5

2) We may feel highly OBLIGATED - vs. 6 / Acts 22:17-21

3) We may feel highly MOTIVATED - Rom. 9:1-5

**Our motive can be clearly sincere*

**Our motive can be clearly spiritual*

**Our motive can be clearly sacrificial*

II. God's Promptings Are Determined To Trump Our Passions - Acts 20:23

A) The Spirit will warn us DIRECTLY

B) The Spirit will warn us CONSISTENTLY

C) The Spirit will warn us through spiritual PEERS - Acts 21:4

D) The Spirit will warn us through spiritual LEADERS - Acts 21:11

**Agabus had accurately prophesied the famine of Judea*

**Agabus prophesies that Paul would end up in the hands of Gentiles*

III. God's Providences Are Designed To Trump Our Passions - Acts 21:14-26

A) Agreeing to God's will is to accept His PROVIDENCES - vs. 14

B) We cannot preclude problems Providence has PREPARED

C) His Providence will always pursue us back to His PURPOSE