

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 29

Review: *The Apostle Paul faces major changes with the sudden departure of Barnabas. It is clear that he should not travel alone, but the choice would be critical.*

I. God's Will Involves Changes, But They Are Only Changes To Us - Acts 15:39-16:12

A) His will of DESTINY - Accountability of Purpose

A) Motivates us to develop our CALLING

B) Motivates us to develop our CHARACTER

C) Motivates us to develop our CONSECRATION

B) His will of DUTY - Accountability of Preparation

A) Perfecting our purpose according to OBEDIENCE

B) Perfecting our purpose according to OPPORTUNITY

C) Perfecting our purpose according to OPERATION

C) His will of DIRECTION - Accountability of Performance

A) Responding only to Divine PERMISSION

B) Responding only to Divine PERSUASION

C) Responding only to Divine PLACEMENT

II. God's Will Not Only Changes Plans And Places, But Partners As Well

A) Partners that appear SYSTEMATICALLY - Silas

- *Already well respected in the churches of Jerusalem and Antioch
- *Had performed well in delivering the decrees regarding the Judaizers
- *He was a Jew with Roman citizenship (as was Paul)
- *He had the gift of teaching, important to strengthening new churches

B) Partners that appear SOVEREIGNLY - Timothy

- *He was a convert of Paul and had demonstrated exceptional growth
- *He was willing to submit to circumcision to accompany Paul
- *He would become Paul's most trusted and effective disciple

C) Partners that appear SUDDENLY - Luke

- *He would minister to Paul's medical needs (and possibly Timothy's)
- *He would pen the Book of Acts and the Gospel Of Luke (1/4 of N.T.)
- *He was possibly the only believer present at Paul's execution