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Acts 21:1-26



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

- “We”
- Paul’s investment in discipleship demonstrated
- The call of the church to be church
- Ultimately, you are not orphan

John 14:25–27

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

God's Provisions For Calls Calling

- Paul and his companions needs continued to be met to fulfill the calling of the Holy Spirit
- First century travel provided to be difficult



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

God's Provisions For Calls Calling

Fellowship Along The Journey

- Disciples found
- Seven days with the church in Tyre
- Burdened hearts for Paul



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

God's Provisions For Calls Calling

Fellowship Along The Journey

Leading Of The Spirit

- Paul's testimony - Acts 20:22-25



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Acts 20:22-25

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

God's Provisions For Calls Calling

Fellowship Along The Journey

Leading Of The Spirit

- Paul's testimony - Acts 20:22–25

- Disciples in Tyre –

Acts 21:4

And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days.

And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.



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Facing Challenges - vs. 1-6

You Are Not Alone

God's Provisions For Calls Calling

Fellowship Along The Journey

Leading Of The Spirit

- Paul's testimony - Acts 20:22–25

- Disciples in Tyre – Acts 21:4

- Following the Holy Spirit

- Human perspective

- Godly perspective



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

- Meeting more believers
- Philip the evangelist
 - One of the seven chosen to serve - “in care” of the church – Acts 6:5
 - Going to “those people” – in Samaria – Acts 8:4-25
 - Running with the gospel; visiting the Ethiopian Eunuch – Acts 8:26-40
 - Faithful father – Acts 21:8-9



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

- Meeting more believers
- Philip the evangelist
- Agabus
 - Foretold of the great famine – Acts 11:27-30
 - Lead to support to be sent from the Gentile believers to Judea
 - In Caesarea – demonstration of events to come in Jerusalem
 - Used Paul’s belt to bind his own hands and feet to demonstrate Paul was facing arrested and delivered to the Gentile rulers



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

Certainty Of Cost For Obedience

- Church urged Paul not to go to Jerusalem
- Remember Paul in Jerusalem previously
 - Seeking to end the church - Acts 7:58-8:3
 - Jews attempting to kill Paul - Acts 9:26-30
 - Jerusalem Council – Acts 15



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

Certainty Of Cost For Obedience

- Church urged Paul not to go to Jerusalem
- Remember Paul in Jerusalem previously
- Paul's interaction with the Jews while on missions



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

Certainty Of Cost For Obedience

Determination To Fulfill Call

- Emotionally moved not deterred from call

Acts 21:13–14

Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.”



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Foretelling Consequences - vs. 7-16

Church Scattered

Certainty Of Cost For Obedience

Determination To Fulfill Call

- Emotionally moved not deterred from call
- Agreeing with Gods will
- Moving forward to Jerusalem with fellowship and partnership



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Fearing Connection - vs. 17-26

Rejoicing In The Church

- Retelling of the work of God and the advancement of the gospel
- Miracles and work of the Holy Spirit
- Praising God



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Fearing Connection - vs. 17-26

Rejoicing In The Church

Striving To Keep Peace

- Misunderstanding from rumors stirred about Paul and his ministry
- Jewish believers and Jewish customs versus Gentile's faith without the cultural heritage
- Remembering the roots of Jewish culture in the early church



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Fearing Connection - vs. 17-26

Rejoicing In The Church

Striving To Keep Peace

Customs Not Abandoning The Gospel Of Grace

- Plan for Paul to demonstrate his heritage while in Jerusalem
- Nazirite short term vow – Numbers 6:1-21
- Honoring the Jerusalem Council – only Paul entered into the vow
- Freedom in Christ demonstrated – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23



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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.



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**What “Comfort Zone” Is God Challenging You To
Grow Out Of?
Remember,
Faith Has No “Buts”...**

