

# ACTS OF GOD

*Acts 21:1-16*

Let's Set Our Faces Toward  
Faithful Obedience, Part 1

*Five lessons from Acts 21:1-16 about  
obedience and prophecy*

# *1. Faithful Obedience Must be Settled Before the Storm Begins. (Acts 19:21; 20:22)*

- A. Obedience Begins with God's Clear Direction, Not Changing Circumstances.
- B. God Often Reveals the Call Before Revealing the Cost.
- C. Unsettled Obedience Creates Vulnerability to Fear and Pressure.
- D. Faithful Obedience Entrusts Outcomes to God.

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## *2. Prophecy Can Be Spirit-Inspired but Humanly Misapplied. (v. 4-7)*

- A. The Spirit Truly Revealed Paul's Future Suffering.
- B. Human Interpretation Can Add What God Did Not Say.
- C. Scripture Commands That Prophecy Be Tested, Not Automatically Obeyed.
- D. God's Written Word and Prior Calling Govern All Prophetic Application.

### *3. Warnings Are Not Always Detours— Sometimes They Are Preparations. (vs. 8–14)*

- A. God Sometimes Confirms the Cost Without Canceling the Call.
- B. God's Warnings Strengthen Resolve, Not Fear.
- C. Faithful Obedience Accepts Suffering Without Seeking It.
- D. True Faith Submits to God Even When the Future Is Painful.