

Message Notes:



Acts 21:15-22:22

Wednesday January 24, 2024

Acts...



what Jesus is
continuing to do
thru the Holy Spirit
thru His church...

Wednesday Night Bible Study Booklet

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ACTS 21

The peacemaker (15–25). Paul moved from “the will of the Lord be done” (v. 14) to “do what we tell you” (v. 23). So anxious was Paul to bring unity to the Jews and Gentiles in the church that he agreed to the plan. Was he following “wisdom from above” or “earthly wisdom” (James 3:13–18)? Not every decision we make turns out to bring peace.

The prisoner (26–40). The plan almost worked; on the last day, however, trouble started (v. 27). Of course, their charges were absurd; yet the mob lives on “suppose” and not fact. Paul had been careful not to cause any unrest in the city (24:10–13), but his efforts had been in vain. He would spend the next five years as a prisoner of Rome.

Sometimes our plans and good intentions seem to bring only trouble. But God is still in control! He used Paul’s trials to accomplish His purposes so that His servant got to Rome (23:11). He can do the same for His people today. Walk by faith!

ACTS 22

The *starting point* of Paul’s defense was his identification with the Jews (vv. 1–16; 1 Cor. 9:19–23). His birth, training, and early ministry as a rabbi were strictly orthodox. He associated his conversion with Ananias, “a devout man according to the law” (v. 12). He was very tactful, but it takes tact to have contact.

The *turning point* of Paul’s defense was his use of the word *Gentiles* (v. 17). Had he not used that word, Paul might have been set free; *but the whole burden of his life was to reach the Gentiles* (Eph. 3:1–13). Paul was arrested because of religious bigotry; his people did not realize that God was doing a new thing in the world.

Personal Reflection:

Which verse(s) from tonight’s section stood out to you the most? Why?

What is God speaking in this section that grabs your attention? What is it that God is saying in it?

How do you think God is seeking to have you apply what He has shown you in those verses?

For next week: Acts 22:23-23