

March 10, 2024
Acts 21:1-14
"My Life-God's Plan"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

One thing never changes seek Him & you will find Him **Jeremiah 29:13; Deut. 4:29-31**.

GET: STILL, QUIET, & ALONE-remember Paul took a 20 mile hike alone! **Acts 20:13**.

Proverbs 4:25-26, "Let your eyes look forward; fix your gaze straight ahead. Carefully consider the path for your feet, and all your ways will be established."

The Holy Spirit never told Paul not to go, instead what awaited him in Jerusalem. The other people reaching out were used by the Lord to prepare Paul for what awaited him; there was trouble ahead, be mentally prepared for it, this is MY will for you.

Two times in this travel account they pray, out in public and unashamedly. How about you? Luke tenderly describes this scene, they said their goodbyes, they turned to head back to their homes as the group boarded the ship to continue on to Jerusalem.

Agabus was a prophet, he told Paul what awaited him in Jerusalem, but never told him not to go. Often one must listen carefully to discern God's will.

Paul was driven to go to Jerusalem by the desire in his heart to deliver the offering from the Gentile churches to the Jewish brethren there in Jerusalem. This would be a unity builder. The Holy Spirit had assured him of his need to go. See **Acts 20:22**.

Philip had 4 virgin daughters who prophesied. It is not clear just how they carried this out, only that they did. However, it is not stated that they did so in this encounter. Lenski wisely wrote, "How these ladies exercised their valuable gift is not indicated by Luke; it certainly was not done in conflict with what Paul states in **I Corinthians 14:34-35** and in **I Timothy 2:11-14**. See reverse side.

Application:

Paul's firmness and unwavering stand to obey the Lord emboldened the group. They worked their way past their emotions and as silence drifted across the beach; they said, let the will of the Lord be done. See, God was at work in Paul's life and in the lives of those there on the beach. He still works in this same way today. Be sure the directing of your path is from the Lord, **Proverbs 3:5-8**, and be unwavering in your desire to fully obey the Lord, no matter what the cost. Check out **Proverbs 4:25-26**.

I Corinthians 14:34-35, "the women should be silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but are to submit themselves, as the law also says. If they want to learn something, let them ask their husbands at home, since it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church."

I Timothy 2:11-14, "A woman is to learn quietly with full submission. I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; instead, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and transgressed."

Proverbs 3:5-8, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding, in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones." All Scripture quoted from the CSB.