



ACTS

Disciples Making Disciples

Acts 21-22:21

Acts 21:1-16 – Paul goes to Jerusalem

¹³ 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.”

Acts 21:13 (ESV)

- Paul was warned by the Spirit about the trouble that was coming his way
- Despite knowing it was going to be hard, he did it anyway

Acts 21:17-26 – Paul visits James

- Paul sought to mitigate the risk of offending the Jews
- In complying with the Nazirite vow, Paul demonstrated that he understood where the people were coming from

²² 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.

1 Corinthians 9:22 (ESV)

Acts 21:27-36 – Paul arrested

- The Jews made trouble and had Paul arrested anyway
- Sometimes bad things happen to good people

Acts 21:37-22:21 – Paul speaks

- Paul shared his testimony by way of explanation
- He did not defend himself, but rather he defended God

Jesus

- He knew what He was about to do was going to be extremely difficult
- He showed that He understood what we are all going through
- Bad things happen to good people sometimes
- He didn't defend Himself, but rather complied with the Will of the Father

What about us?

- It can be difficult to represent Christ
- We live in the world but we are not of the world
- Expect that bad things may happen
- We don't defend our lives, rather we defend the testimony of Christ in our lives

The Christian life is difficult, will you do it anyway?

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)