

Sailing Into a Storm

Acts 21:1-14

PART ONE

Introduction

Paul did not let the threat of danger deter him one day or degree from his mission.

Are we prepared to suffer if that's what God intends for us?

The determining factor: *a cause worth dying for.*

Acts 20:24

Acts 20:36-38

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"having sought out the disciples"

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

A True Christian Conundrum

Acts 20:22-23

Acts 21:12

How could Paul be so utterly certain that he was to go to Jerusalem and experience suffering there?

Acts 9:15-16

v5 v6

1 Corinthians 16:13

Philippians 4:1

Paul's unshakable courage, strength, and fortitude came from one source, the Christ who called him.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Convictions so firmly held, faith so strong, that they manifest themselves in unshakeable courage.

Convictions call for commitment to a course of action, generating the courage to complete the task.

Begin by identifying your true convictions.

Examples:

- 1) I desire to know Jesus Christ better.
- 2) I desire to share the gospel with _____.
- 3) I desire to serve in a particular area (church, community).
- 4) I desire to teach/disciple (children, adults).

Common hindrances to fulfilling our task:

- 1) Sentiment/Emotion
- 2) Fear/Insecurity
- 3) Procrastination
- 4) Indecision/Vacillation

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,” 2 Timothy 2:1

Ephesians 6:10

1 Peter 4:16

Colossians 1:11-13