

Determined to Obey

Acts 21:1-14

Main Point:

Despite the difficulties, be determined to do God's will, because this is what Jesus expects of you and has done for you.

1. It can be hard to do God's will because of the cost involved.

2. To make it even harder, there is often outside resistance as well.

3. But, despite these things, you must be determined to obey God.

4. Because this is what Jesus expects of you and has done for you.

Acts 20:22a ²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem ... (NKJV)

Acts 20:22b-23 ²² ... not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. (NKJV)

Acts 20:24 ²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "Since the same Spirit who foretold suffering had constrained his heart to make this visit ... Paul was determined to face with courage whatever hardship lay before him for the sake of Jesus' name."

Mark 10:33 ³³ Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes [those are the Jews]; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; (NKJV)

Matthew 16:22 ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" (NKJV)

Matthew 16:23 ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (NKJV)

Luke 9:51 ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "Moving resolutely toward suffering in Jerusalem, Paul was walking in the footsteps of his Savior."

Luke 9:23 ²³ Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. (NKJV)