

Fellowship, Suffering, and the Spirit's Leading

Acts 21:1-16

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When the Spirit of God invades your life, He gives you at least three things: fellowship, purpose, and suffering. (Luke 6:40; John 15:18; Mark 8:34-35)

Real ministry is done in real life. We can name places and faces.

Christianity is rooted in History.

When was this church at Tyre planted? (Acts 11:19; 15:3)

How was Paul received by them?

Was Paul wrong to go to Jerusalem? Was he resisting the Spirit's guidance?

Have you ever encountered people who knew the will of God for your life and were willing to tell you what it was?

Our spiritual focus must be vertical,, not horizontal.

See Acts 19:21; Acts 20:22-23

The people, by the Spirit, knew that suffering was foretold, *and in their affection for Paul*, they all urged him to avoid it.

How does Paul respond to their appeals? Acts 21:13

Notice the intensity of the fellowship

Barclay, "The man who is in the family of the Church has friends all over the world."

Notice the commitment to follow the Spirit.

Literarily, Luke may be comparing Paul with Jesus. (Four similarities).

Hospitality at the home of Philip the evangelist.

Who was Agabus?

Agabus, yes, he is male.

Dramatic Prophetic Symbolism, like the OT prophets. (1 Kings 11:29-39; Isaiah 20:2-4)

Let the will of the Lord be done.

Easy to say, very much more difficult to do.

More hospitality in Jerusalem with Mnason of Cyprus.

Application:

Dive in the Fellowship

Embrace the Will of God

Enjoy the Journey