

*What Are You
Ready For?*

***To What Lengths
Are You Ready
To Follow God?***





I. You Will Go Nowhere Without A Purpose

Acts 19:21

After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome.

1 Corinthians 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

II. Purpose Should Be Evident To Others

2 Timothy 3:10

**But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life,
purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,**

**What happens along the way shows your commitment to
the purpose**

III. You Can Get Sidetracked By People

Acts 20:22-24

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

IV. God Gets You Ready As You Follow Him

Acts 21:10-13

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

V. The Results Of Being Ready

A. Others will accept God's will

Acts 21:14

**And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying,
The will of the Lord be done.**

B. Paul Experienced The Presence Of God

Acts 23:11

**And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said,
Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in
Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**

V. The Results Of Being Ready

C. Paul was committed through time

Acts 24:27

But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

D. Paul was committed through trial

Acts 27:10

And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Acts 27:27 - Acts 28:5

V. The Results Of Being Ready

E. Paul Fulfilled The Purpose Of God

Acts 28:15-16

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

VI. Our Challenge

A. Be ready

Matthew 24:44

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

B. Prove readiness to others

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

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C. Fulfill your purpose

2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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