



# EMBRACING OUR CALLING

**ACTS 21:1-39**

## I. FAMILY: Thankful people \_\_\_\_\_ the local church as God's gift.

(21:1-6; 20:36-38; 21:7; 21:8-9, 12-13a; 21:15-20a)

*When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed ... v. 5*

## II. SACRIFICE: Thankful people \_\_\_\_\_ unfair opposition from the culture and even the church.

(21:27-31; 21:37-38; 21:20-23a)

*And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. v. 31*

## III. OBEDIENCE: Thankful people \_\_\_\_\_ God's will, believing that He knows what He's doing.

(21:4; 21:10-13; 20:22-23; 9:15-16; 21:14)

*And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done." v. 14*

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 21:1-39. Why was Paul going to Jerusalem (see 20:22; 24:17)?

*"The more one reads Luke's account of the Holy Spirit's revelation of Paul's fate in Jerusalem, in virtually every city where he stopped along the way to Jerusalem, the more obvious it becomes that the Spirit was not informing Paul of his fate so much as He was informing the saints. ... Notice that when Paul insisted on going to Jerusalem, all of those who had sought to dissuade him from going on ceased their resistance with the words, 'The Lord's will be done' (v. 14)"*

BOB DEFFINBAUGH

*"The greatest mistake any Christian can make is to substitute his own will for the will of God."*

HARRY IRNSIDE

2. The Holy Spirit repeatedly warned Paul both internally and through prophets that danger waited in Jerusalem (see 20:22-25; 21:4,10-13). With what attitude did Paul respond to these warnings (see 20:24; 21:13)?

3. Paul and the other believers agreed that the Holy Spirit promised suffering if Paul went to Jerusalem, but they differed as to what the Spirit wanted Paul to do in light of the warning (see 20:22-25; 21:4,10-13). Why do we often interpret the Spirit's guidance differently? What should we do in such situations?

4. Do you think Paul was right or wrong in going to Jerusalem this last time? Why?

5. What does this passage reveal about God, and especially about the Holy Spirit?

6. What insight from Acts 21 or the sermon will you focus on for application? How do you want to grow or obey in this area?

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
  2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
  3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
  4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

For more about having a personal relationship with Jesus visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps).

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**2023 CHRISTMAS CANTATA** Begin the Christmas season with the beautiful sounds of our Christmas Cantata, Joy to the World! From a full choir and orchestra to the youth musical and bell choirs, our Traditional Music Ministry hosts an unforgettable experience that you won't want to miss! We'll be hosting two services on Saturday, Dec. 2 and two more on Sunday, Dec. 3 right here at the Fort Worth Campus! Get your reservations at [www.ccbcfamily.org/cantata](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/cantata).

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** Ladies, we can't wait to begin celebrating the Christmas season with you at our Women's Christmas Brunch right here at the Fort Worth Campus! As one of our favorite traditions, it's the perfect way to start the season with friends, beautiful tables, great food and an encouraging Christmas message. We can't wait to see you there and would love to see new faces join us! Reach out to those around you that need to hear the hope of Jesus and invite them to come, too! Purchase tickets today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/brunch](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/brunch).

**THE 5 P.M. IS COMING BACK** It's evident that God is moving in our communities as more people begin attending our church, and as God moves hearts to hear the gospel, we want to create more space for that opportunity to happen. So, we are opening a third service! This won't begin without your help. Will you pray about moving your service time to 5 p.m.? Text PIONEER to 24253!

**OPERATION ZIP CODE** Christ Chapel is partnering with Freedom Shield Foundation to distribute thousands of meals to families in need in Tarrant County. Come be a part of this special event on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jacquet Middle School. Sign up today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/zipcode](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/zipcode).

**21 DAYS OF REACH** Unsure how to invite someone to Christmas Eve? Journey with us through 21 Days of Reach! Receive daily texts with fun, simple ways to reach out to those in our own backyard this holiday season. From advents and playlists, to coloring pages and unique invitations to send, be a part by texting REACH to 24253.

**PARENTS, MSM WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** Happening the weekend of Feb. 16-18, Winter Camp is a weekend retreat at Sky Ranch for middle schoolers focused on biblical integrity. Our goal is to help your middle schooler find their identity in Christ rather than in relationships and to honor Him with their whole life. visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/wintercamp](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/wintercamp) to learn more and register your student.



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**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.