



THE WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE • ACTS 21:1–36

In Acts 21:1–36, we encounter a chapter filled with a man earnestly pursuing the will of the Lord. As the Apostle Paul journeys to Jerusalem, he gains deeper insight into God’s purposes for his life: some expected, others surprising. Yet through it all, one truth remains clear: Paul understood that God’s will for him was to walk in the footsteps of his Savior. What we learn in these three scenes are qualities each of us might pray for as we seek to have “The Will of the Lord Be Done” in our lives: 1. A Submissive Heart to God’s Leading, 2. A Sacrificial Love for the Church, and 3. A Steadfast Faith in All Circumstances.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Shaping Question: Am I honestly praying “let the will of the Lord be done in my life?”*
2. Look at Acts 21:1-16. What was the Holy Spirit communicating through the disciples, Philip’s daughters, and Agabus? How did their interpretation of the prophecies differ from Paul’s interpretation?
3. What are we to learn from Paul’s submission to the Lord’s word and the Lord’s will?
4. Consider verses 17-26. How did Paul practice restraint for the sake of the gospel? Why did Paul take the Nazarite vow with the Jewish believers? How are we called to practice sacrificial love for others?
5. What is the charge against Paul in verses 27-36? How does this scene serve as a fulfillment of the earlier prophecies in chapter 21? How is Paul’s steadfast faith on display in this scene, especially in light of the entire chapter?