

Prophecy and God's Will (11/26/23)

Main Verses: Acts 21:8-14

Key Verses: Acts 21:13

'Takeaway': Making sense of the Holy Spirit's leading should never be about what we want, but always what God wants.



Getting Started: Who would you listen to...your friends, or the Holy Spirit, telling you to do something?

READ Acts 21:8-14 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Where was Paul?
- Who was Abagus? What did he tell Paul?
- What was Silas' and the other people's response?
- How did Paul respond?

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- What can we learn from Paul's response?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- For those who have trusted Christ, the Holy Spirit teaches us and guides us as we live for God.
- All followers of Jesus will suffer.
- Like Paul, we need to learn to listen to the Spirit to know what we should and shouldn't do; but we do this knowing God's Spirit and God's word work together.
- Like Paul, we can be confident that God will go with us, whatever may happen.

Elementary:

- For those who have trusted Christ, the Holy Spirit teaches and guides us as we live for God.
- All followers of Jesus will know suffering of some kind or another.
- Like Paul, we need to learn to listen to the Spirit to know what we should and shouldn't do; but we do this knowing God's Spirit and God's word work together (this is especially helpful when others are giving us "advice" based solely on their concern for our well-being rather than with an eye on eternity).
- Like Paul, we can be confident that God will go with us, whatever may happen.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for his Spirit that teaches us and helps us to know what to do. Also thank God for the Bible, his amazing word that works together with his Spirit. Ask God to help you to learn more about him each day. Thank him for Jesus who makes all this possible, and that he is always with us.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for his Spirit, who, for those who have trusted Christ, teaches us and guides us as we live for God. Thank God that he is always with us, no matter what is going on. Ask him to help you to learn more about him as you listen to the Holy Spirit and read his word so that when you face a hard decision you will be prepared to listen to and obey him.