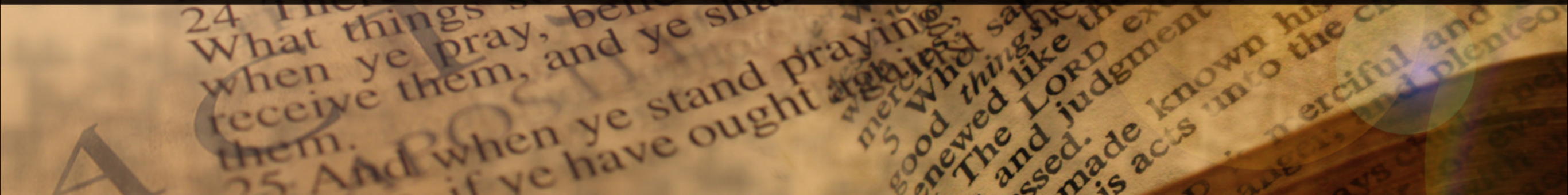


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Acts 20:22-24

“And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

Circumstances and Ministry

1. Paul's big problem.
Chains and tribulation awaited him in Jerusalem.
2. How Paul responded in a godly way to that big problem.
He didn't allow it to MOVE him.
3. Three reasons why he was able to respond in a godly way.
 1. He valued his relationship and ministry for Jesus more
then his own life.
 2. He cared more about finishing the race God gave
him then the problems that come along the way.
 3. He was willing to be faithful with what God called

Acts 21:1-6

“Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. 2 And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo. 4 And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. 5 When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed. 6 When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home.”



Acts 23:11

“But the following night the Lord stood by Him and said, be of good cheer Paul for as you have testified for me in Jerusalem so you must also bear witness at Rome.”



Acts 21:7-10

“And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. 8 On the next day we who were Paul’s companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. 10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.”



Acts 21:11

“When he had come to us, he took Paul’s belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’”

Acts 21:12

**“Now when we heard these things,
both we and those from that place
pleaded with him not to go up to
Jerusalem.”**

Acts 21:13

“Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Galatians 1:10

**“For do I now persuade men of God?
Or do I seek to please men? For if I
still pleased men I would not be a
bondservant of Jesus Christ.”**

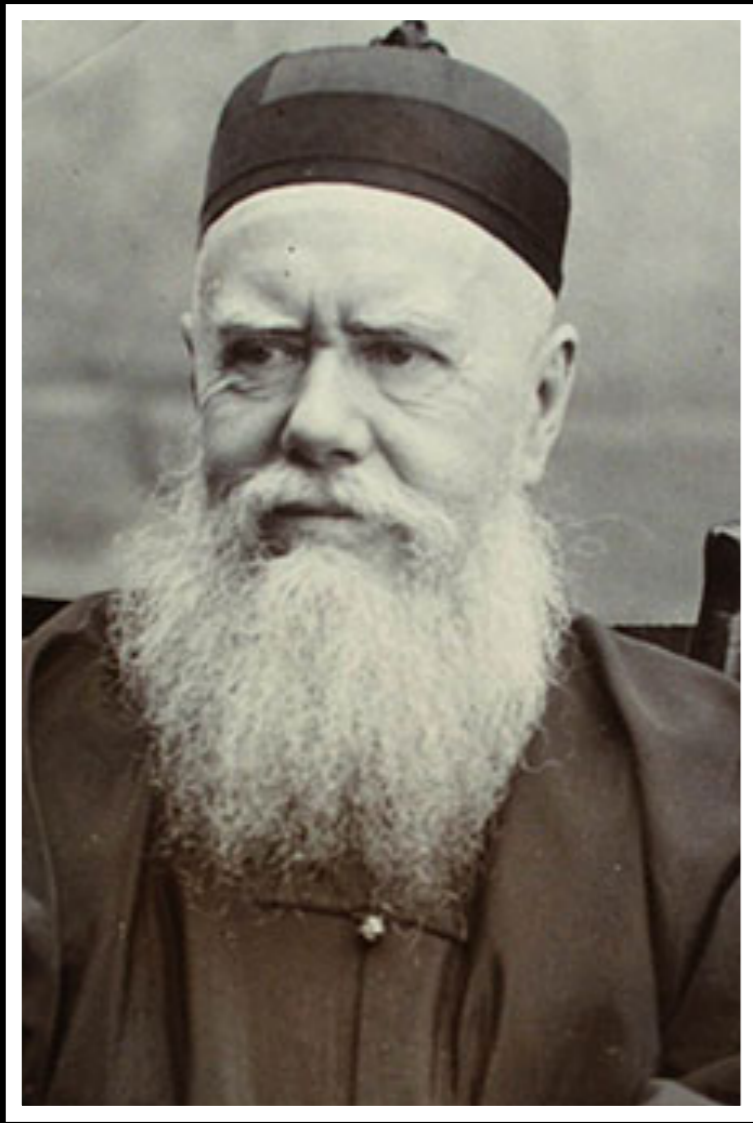
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Oswald Chambers

“To choose to suffer means that there is something wrong; to choose God’s will even if it means suffering is a very different thing. No healthy saint ever chooses suffering; he chooses God’s will, as Jesus did, whether it means suffering or not.”



Hudson Taylor

“It doesn't matter how great the pressure is. What really matters is where the pressure lies, whether it comes between you and God or whether it presses you nearer his heart.”

Acts 21:14

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

Acts 21:15-16

“And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. 16 Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.”

Proverbs 17:17

“A friend loves at all times And a brother is born for adversity.”

Acts 21:17-19

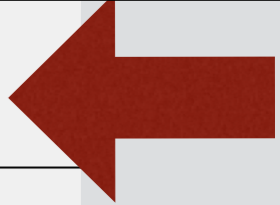
“And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. 19 When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.”

Acts 21:20-21

“You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; 21 but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.”

Acts 21:23-25

“Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. 24 Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. 25 But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.”



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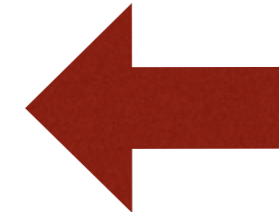
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