



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High

Text: Acts 20:22-24

Title: Paul's Farewell Speech,
Part 3

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Lesson: 108

Elders have seven primary responsibilities:

1. To live a life worthy of imitation.
2. To serve the Lord
3. To preach God's Word
4. To evangelize the unsaved
5. To be _____ by the Holy Spirit

22 "And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

"now"

"Behold"

He wanted the elders to behold three qualities:

1. His _____ resolve

“bound by the Spirit”

Acts 7:59 - “my spirit”

Acts 17:16 - “his spirit”

Luke 1:47 - “my spirit”

Acts 1:8 but you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My **witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

“bound by the Sprit”

Acts 12:6 - “BOUND with chains”

Acts 21:11- “BOUND by his belt”

Romans 7:2 -“obligation”

2. His faith in _____ circumstances

22 “And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

God does not give us all the details, only the

_____.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight

Proverbs 3:5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

23 except that the Holy Spirit **solemnly testifies** to me **in every city**, saying that bonds and afflictions await me

“in every city”

“bonds and afflictions”

**Are we willing to obey God when the
future is _____?**

**Are we willing to obey God when we know it will
require _____.**

Do you see God's grace?

**The Holy Spirit not only guides and warns us but
He also _____ us for the
challenges we will encounter.**

**Uncertainty of the future does not make the
future _____.**

**The Holy Spirit discloses more details as we
take steps of _____.**

Acts 21:4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.

10–11 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "The will of the Lord be done!"

3. His commitment to _____ his calling outweighed any concern for comfort or self-preservation.

24 “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

“But” “alla”

“finish my course” - NIV “race” (2 Timothy 4:7)

Implications

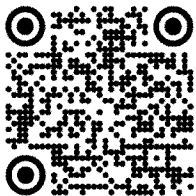
1. _____ the purpose of our life.

2. _____ the Spirit’s leading in uncertainty and in hardship.

3. Determine to leave a Pauline-like _____.

Discussion Guide

1. How would you explain to someone what being “bound by the Spirit” means?
2. How does Paul’s willingness to face imprisonment and hardships challenge your understanding of obedience and faith?
3. What can we learn from Paul’s attitude about considering his life as “worth nothing” compared to finishing the race and completing the task given by Jesus?
4. In what ways does this passage encourage you to trust God’s leading when the future is unclear?
5. How did today’s sermon impact or challenge you?



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ANSWERS: led, Spirit-led, uncertain, unclear, direction, hardship, prepares, uncertain, obedience, fulfill, Prioritize, Trust, legacy