



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High

Text: Acts 21:1-6

Title: Trusting God In The Face of
Warning and Danger, Part 1

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Acts 21:1–6 When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

What made Paul so resolute and courageous?

1. The love of _____

4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days;

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2. The power of _____

and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.

The benefits of conviction.

1. It creates _____.

2. It's a source of _____.

3. It eliminates the need for _____ approval.

4. It provides _____ under pressure.

5. It prevents _____.

Deeply rooted convictions transform belief into

_____ and _____

obedience.

Powerful examples of spiritual conviction:

- 1. Abraham
- 2. Joshua, Caleb and the spies
- 3. Joshua
- 4. David
- 5. Daniel
- 6. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- 7. Esther
- 8. Peter & John

Paul

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Paul was motivated to get to Jerusalem for four reasons:

1. He wanted to deliver collected funds to the impoverished Jewish church.
2. He wanted to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost.
3. He wanted to finish his calling to give the gospel.
4. He had a _____ conviction.

Acts 20:22 “And now, behold, **bound by the Spirit**, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

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.

Paul was in God’s will for five reasons:

1. The prediction of Ananias

Acts 9:15–16 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will **show him** how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

2. Paul's sensitive life to the Spirit's leading

Acts 16:6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;

3. It was the Spirit who compelled Paul to go to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:21 Now after these things were finished, Paul **purposed in the Spirit** to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

Acts 20:22 "And now, behold, **bound by the Spirit**, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

Acts 21:10–14 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!”

4. Jesus affirmed Paul’s suffering in Jerusalem.

Acts 23:11 But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, “Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.”

5. It’s impossible for the Holy Spirit to contradict Himself nor can the Trinity be in disagreement.

The Spirit’s repeated warnings were to

_____ **Paul to suffer, not to**
prohibit him from going to Jerusalem .

Generally, there is safety in a multitude of counselors.

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 15:22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.

5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city.

3. The encouragement of _____

After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.

6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again.

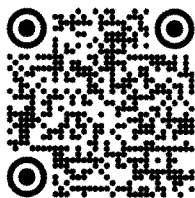
Implication

Spirit-bound, Spirit-led conviction is

_____, and as a result, we will have the courage to resist opposition, and endure whatever cost is required.

Discussion Guide

1. Why did the disciples in Tyre, “through the Spirit,” tell Paul not to go to Jerusalem? What does this reveal about interpreting spiritual guidance?
2. In what ways do you see the Christian community supporting Paul during his journey, and why is this important for believers today?
3. What drives Paul’s determination to go to Jerusalem despite repeated warnings? How can his example challenge our own response to adversity?
4. What does Paul’s determination to continue his journey, despite warnings, reveal about his faith and priorities?
5. What spiritual convictions ignite your passion and shape who you are?



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ANSWERS: community, conviction, stability, strength, human, endurance, compromise, radical, unwavering, Spirit-led, prepare, prayer, unshakable