



The Value of Purpose

Acts 21 – 26

Series: Acts, #24

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Theme: **Keeping God's purpose in focus keeps you on track.**

Following God's purpose neither destroys nor is destroyed by fellowship.

1. Even in working through disagreements. (21:1-14)

2. Even in working with weaker believers. (21:15-26)

Following God's purpose enables a clear witness and defense.

1. Even to those who want you dead. (21:27 – 23:15)

2. Even to those in power over you. (24:1 – 26:32)

Following God's purpose helps maintain a patient trust in Him.

1. Even when treated unfairly. (21:27 – 26:32)

2. Even when things drag on and on. (21:27 – 26:32)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The Westminster Shorter Catechism tells us “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.” This is to be our overall purpose in every routine and extreme situation. Has this actually been your purpose in the last week? What evidence supports your claim?

Tuesday. God has specific purposes and plans for us. Some are short term while others are long term. Some are easy and a delight while others are difficult and painful. Using the outline as a guide, review God’s purposes for Paul in Acts 21–26. What are some of the specific purposes God has for you now?

Wednesday. On Sunday we saw from Paul that following God’s purpose neither destroys nor is destroyed by fellowship and that it also enables a clear witness. Fellowship should not fade at the first sign of disagreement. You cannot fulfill God’s purpose without being His witness (see 1:8). As you live out God’s purposes you will have a clear witness. Think about the relationship of God’s purpose for you and your fellowship with other believers and your witness.

Thursday. Paul’s clear purpose helped him maintain patient trust in God while waiting under arrest and in jail for three years. Where do you need patience today? When you begin to feel pressured, focus on your purpose.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude the series in Acts as we look at chapters 27 – 28. Survey this section in preparation for our time together.