**Acts 20:24 Sermon**

***“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”***

(Acts 20:24)

**PREMISE: Believers need to make determinative declarations about doing the will of God.**

Examples:

**1. Jacob**: *“If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved”* (Gen. 43:14

**2. Esther**: *“and if I perish, I perish”* (Est. 4:16).

**3. Job**: *“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him”* (Job 13:15).

**4. Jeremiah**: *“As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears”* (Jer. 26:14-15).

**5. Daniel**: *“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:”* (Dan. 1:8).

**6. Paul**: *“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day”* (II Tim. 1:12).

**CONTEXT**

1. He was called to suffer (Acts 9:15-16).

2. He desired a prosperous journey to Rome (Rom. 1:10-12).

3. He needed to take offering to Jerusalem (I Cor. 16:1-3) and then go to Rome and asked prayer (Rom. 15:24-33).

**INTERPRETATION**

1. Christians were saying “Don’t go to Jerusalem” (Acts 20:23; 21:4) > cf. another time Acts 19:30.

2. Paul determined he was going (Acts 20:24) > ready to die (Phil. 1:21).

3. Agabus said “don’t go” (21:10-14) > he warned but did not prohibit Paul!

4. Paul went and delivered contributions to James and the JBC (Acts 21:19).

5. Paul was bound and beaten (Acts 21:27-32).

6. Lord promised Paul that he would go to Rome (Acts 23:11).

7. Lord promised Paul that all on the ship would survive (Acts 27:23-24).

6. Paul began 4 year journey to Rome to meet Nero (Acts 24:27; 26:31-32).

**APPLICATION**

Paul finished his course (II Tim. 4:7).

Paul expected deliverance (II Tim. 4:18).

CONCLUSION: How committed are you to the will of God? Do finances, family, or faith hold you back?