



## Bible Study Notes

Book of Acts Part 85  
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### Acts 21:13

<sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

**Paul was convinced that because of Christ, dying was better than living.**

### Philippians 1:21-24

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

**Once we determine that heaven is better than life on earth, we can live our lives for Christ and others!**

### 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

<sup>55</sup> "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

### Romans 8:18

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

**Imagine what we could do if we had no fear!**

**The fear of dying can cause us to miss out on living.**

**God doesn't want us to live in fear of anything, including death.**

**Fear of physical pain and suffering.**

**God promises to ease our suffering.**



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### 1 Peter 5:10

*<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

### 2 Corinthians 11:24-27

*<sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.*

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***We have the promise that after death, there will be no more pain.***

### Revelation 21:4

*<sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'*

***Fear of absolute vulnerability.***

### Job 1:21

*<sup>21</sup> ... "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart.  
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised."*

### Matthew 10:39

*<sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.*

### 1 Corinthians 6:19

*<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own*

***We must be able to move from fear-based parenting to trust-based parenting.***



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***Fear of damnation.***

**Romans 8:1-2**

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

***Fear of the unknown. (Existential death anxiety).***

***Our mortality is a weighty dilemma that demands consideration.***

***Our hope of heaven enables us to face death without denial.***

***Death is not the end.***

***Death is a doorway to our destiny.***

***What happens when we die?***

***As believers, if we die before Jesus' return, we will be immediately spiritually united with Jesus. Our earthly body stays earthly and decays, or is cremated. There is no holding place, or temporary waiting period.***

***Because of Paul's healthy view of death, he wanted to optimize his time while he was alive.***

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