



## Bible Study Notes

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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.**

### Acts 21:17-40

<sup>17</sup> When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. <sup>18</sup> The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. <sup>19</sup> Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

<sup>20</sup> When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. <sup>21</sup> They have been informed that you teach all the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. <sup>22</sup> What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come, <sup>23</sup> so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. <sup>24</sup> Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law. <sup>25</sup> As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality."

<sup>26</sup> The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

<sup>27</sup> When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole crowd and seized him, <sup>28</sup> shouting, "Fellow Israelites, help us! This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place." <sup>29</sup> (They had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple.)

<sup>30</sup> The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut. <sup>31</sup> While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar. <sup>32</sup> He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

<sup>33</sup> The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done. <sup>34</sup> Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. <sup>35</sup> When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers. <sup>36</sup> The crowd that followed kept shouting, "Get rid of him!"

<sup>37</sup> As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, "May I say something to you?"



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*"Do you speak Greek?" he replied. <sup>38</sup> "Aren't you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the wilderness some time ago?"*

*<sup>39</sup> Paul answered, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people."*

*<sup>40</sup> After receiving the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he said to them in Aramaic:*

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

*<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.*

### **Romans 14:1-6, 13**

*<sup>1</sup> Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.*

*<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.*

*<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.*

***We should never let the freedom we have in Christ cause someone else to stumble.***

### **Romans 14:16 New King James Version**

*<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil*

### **Psalms 27:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*<sup>2</sup> When the wicked advance against me  
to devour<sup>[a]</sup> me,*

*it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.*

*<sup>3</sup> Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;*



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*though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.*

Footnotes

- a. Psalm 27:2 Or slander

**Slander: *Make false and damaging statements about someone.***

### **Psalm 101:5**

<sup>5</sup> *Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret,  
I will put to silence;  
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,  
I will not tolerate.*

### **Matthew 15:19**

<sup>19</sup> *For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.*

### **Ephesians 4:31**

<sup>31</sup> *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

***You rarely need to apologize for what you don't say.***

***If we have been slandered, we must rely of God's vindication.***

### **Psalm 37:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> *Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this:*  
<sup>6</sup> *He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.*  
<sup>7</sup> *Be still before the LORD  
and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.*  
<sup>8</sup> *Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to evil.*  
<sup>9</sup> *For those who are evil will be destroyed,  
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.*

**Vindication: *God fighting for our cause.***







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