

## SERIES: ACTS

### “A Mission Only the Church Can Stop”

Acts 21:1-16

#### One Important Question:

Is it possible to be completely obedient to the mission of Christ and have the \_\_\_\_\_ try to stop you?

#### There are two ways people view this passage...

- Paul's Unstoppable \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul's Big \_\_\_\_\_

#### To go to Jerusalem or not?

- For Paul, there was no \_\_\_\_\_ to be made...
- He was already \_\_\_\_\_. He was only following in Jesus' footsteps.
- For Paul, the glory of the name of Jesus and his reputation in the world were more important than \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Satan's attempts to stop the gospel actually serve to spread the gospel...

- The pain of our shattered plans is for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ grace.
- What obedience will not achieve, \_\_\_\_\_ will.
- Persecution can have harmful effects on the church, but \_\_\_\_\_ can be even more devastating.

#### What do you do when the church stands in the way?

- It is possible that the people who love us may try to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the cross.
- There are three dangers for us...
  - Beware of assuming you know God's will for someone else's life.
  - Beware of thinking the will of God only includes our comfort and does not include pain or suffering.
  - Beware of neglecting God's good while only thinking of your own good.

#### In God's kingdom...

- We are never promised \_\_\_\_\_.
- We are only promised \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The cost of discipleship...

- Jesus does not offer us \_\_\_\_\_...
- Jesus only offers a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Our mission...

- To show the world that God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- To tell the world that God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- To display to the world that God is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### What is your gospel ambition?

- Are we going to be a church that \_\_\_\_\_ this mission?
- Or will we be a church that \_\_\_\_\_ to this mission?