

The Life Worth Living

INTRODUCTION:

Paul is now finished with his 3 missionary journeys. He's seen God work through him in incredible ways, drawing thousands of gentiles to faith in Jesus. He's now being led to Jerusalem, but those around him are discouraging him because of the dangers that await him there. And yet Paul knows that a life worth living, is a life worth suffering and dying for. What do you do when what God calls you to do makes the world around you think you're crazy? What we do at those crossroads, defines our lives!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Reflect back over the past months as we've walked through the book of Acts. What major themes have stood out?
2. What are some key themes you believe the Spirit has been whispering to you? Is there something particular you believe the Spirit is leading you to do or not do?
3. Read Acts 21:1-15. What primary lesson is gleaned for believers in today's culture?
4. Have you ever known the Spirit was directing you toward something or prompting you to speak to someone? Explain.
5. Is there something going on in your life now where you believe the Spirit is speaking to you? How are ways we recognize the Holy Spirit speaking to us?
6. What steps will you take to follow the Spirit's prompting in your life?

TAKE A STEP

God often speaks in a still small voice as well as through His chosen people. In both cases one of the ways to tune into the will He has for each of us is to actively listen to His voice. Often times in our lives we fill our lives and our minds with noise. We are easily distracted. Sometimes we intentionally stay distracted or busy because we know if we take the time to listen to God speak we may not like what He's telling us. Take a few minutes each day this week. Remove yourself of technology, family members, work and anything else that may be a distraction. Find a place of solitude. Allow God to quiet your soul. Listen. Allow His whisper to crescendo. What needs to be heard? Is there something you need to hear or is there something you need to say to someone else? Don't rush. Allow God to speak to you for the next seven days. Share with a trusted believer the promptings you heard. Allow them to share their thoughts. Discern what step(s) the Spirit wants you to take?

REMEMBER & MEDITATE

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:6