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**Acts 21:1-6**

## Sermon Notes

Acts 21:1–6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

<sup>2</sup>And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

<sup>3</sup>When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

<sup>4</sup>And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed

<sup>6</sup>and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

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**(Answer key located on the next page)**

## **I. Setting Sail with God (Acts 21:1-2)**

**Key Insight:** Paul made \_\_\_\_\_ movement toward God's purpose, even when difficult and dangerous.

**Faith Principle:** Knowledge without \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't get you anywhere. We must "put our faith in \_\_\_\_\_" and take steps toward His will.

**God's Provision Pattern:** Throughout the Bible, provision comes as we \_\_\_\_\_ forward, not while sitting still.

### **Application Steps:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ one area where you know God's will but haven't acted.
2. Pick one specific \_\_\_\_\_ you can take in the next seven days.
3. Take that action without waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ - God's provision comes as we move forward.

## **II. Seeking Strength in Community (Acts 21:3-4)**

Paul's first priority in Tyre was finding other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Balance:** Seeking strength in community doesn't mean letting others make our \_\_\_\_\_—it means gathering wise \_\_\_\_\_ while maintaining responsibility for our choices.

**Truth:** God can work through \_\_\_\_\_ people at the same time, even when they seem to be saying different things.

**Practical Steps for Community Counsel:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ about it first.
2. Ask 2-3 trusted \_\_\_\_\_ for their thoughts.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to their advice without getting upset.
4. Compare their advice to \_\_\_\_\_ and what you sense God wants.
5. Make your \_\_\_\_\_ and thank them either way.

### III. Sustaining Faith through Farewell (Acts 21:5-6)

The believers transformed potential despair into an act of \_\_\_\_\_ . They knelt on the sand and \_\_\_\_\_ together.

**Faith Principle:** Prayer becomes the bridge that moves us from sorrow to \_\_\_\_\_, from clinging to \_\_\_\_\_, from fear to \_\_\_\_\_.

The "Prayer-Release Method":

**Step One:** Acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Step Two:** Pray God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Step Three:** \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Care.

#### PERSONAL REFLECTION:

*What area of your life feels like you're navigating through a storm right now? How can you better anchor your faith in God's guidance in this situation?*

#### COMMITMENT:

*What specific step will you take this week to "set sail with God" in an area where you know His will but haven't acted?*

#### Next Steps:

- ☐ Identify one area where I know God's will but haven't acted.
- ☐ Seek godly counsel from 2-3 trusted believers this week.
- ☐ Practice the "Prayer-Release Method" with a current goodbye or transition.
- ☐ Share this message with someone facing their own "storm".

## Answer Key

### Point I:

intentional, action, drive,  
step, Name, action,  
guarantees

### Point II:

believers, decisions, counsel,  
multiple, Pray, Christians, Listen,  
Scripture, choice

### Point III:

worship, prayed, hope, trusting, faith, Pain, Blessing,  
Release

### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
(Romans 3:23)

### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

### The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23a )

### Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

**Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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