



Sermon Notes

Acts 21:27-36(ESV)

²⁷ When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, ²⁸ crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against the people and the law and this place. Moreover, he even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” ²⁹ For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. ³⁰ Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut. ³¹ And as they were seeking to kill him, word came to the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion. ³² He at once took soldiers and centurions and ran down to them. And when they saw the tribune and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³ Then the tribune came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He inquired who he was and what he had done. ³⁴ Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another. And as he could not learn the facts because of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks. ³⁵ And when he came to the steps, he was actually carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, ³⁶ for the mob of the people followed, crying out, “Away with him!”

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(Answer key located on the last page)

Three Challenges When Standing Firm:

I. Confronted by _____ (v. 27-29)

Paul's accusers used a weapon from Satan's arsenal:

_____ truth. They accused Paul of bringing Gentiles into the temple based on _____, not facts.

Application:

When confronted by misunderstanding, recognize it may be spiritual warfare. Fight back spiritually through _____. Your job is _____, not success. Trust God to vindicate you in His timing.

II. Confronted by the _____ (Acts 21:30-32)

Three Truths About Mob Violence:

- Mob violence escalates _____.
- Truth isn't determined by the _____.
- God's _____ works even in chaos.

Application:

When confronted by the crowd, anchor yourself in _____, not popularity. Stay calm and trust God's control. Don't depend on human support—trust that God is working even when you can't see it. The mob is temporary; God's purposes are eternal.

III. Confronted by _____ (Acts 21:33-36)

God showed up in an unexpected way—He sent _____ soldiers to rescue Paul. God doesn't need people to know His plan to use them in His plan.

Key Insight:

Just because we can't see what God is doing doesn't mean He's not _____.

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Application:

Stop expecting God to work the way you _____ He should.
When you're in chains, ask: "What if God is protecting me
_____ this, not _____
this?" Surrender your timeline to His. God's disruptions might be
His directions.

Personal Reflection

What situation in my life currently feels like a "storm" where I
need to stand firm?

How am I responding to misunderstandings or opposition because
of my faith?

Where do I need to trust God's providence even when His plan
doesn't make sense?

Commitment

This week, I commit to:

Next Steps

- Identify one situation where you need to trust God's providence this week.
- Pray for those who misunderstand or oppose you because of your faith.
- Share your faith with someone this week, trusting God with the results

Answer Key

Point I: Confronted by Misunderstanding.

| Distorting | Assumption |
Prayer | Faithfulness

Point II: Confronted by the Crowd.

| Rapidly | Crowd | Providence |
Truth

Point III: Confronted by Providence

Roman | Working | Through | From

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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