“Understanding What Paul Understood”  

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Scripture Reading: Psalm 46:1-3; Sermon covers: Acts 21-23  

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Introduction:


B. The Christian life is, at points, even more ______________.

C. Paul understood that ________ was ________ him always.

D. Paul understood that God would not remove the ________________ from his life, but would enable him to courageously face the obstacles and opposition.

E. Because Paul understood these things, he put his ____________ in __________.

I. The Story

A. Acts 21:1-15—in spite of continued warnings about the _______________ ahead, Paul would not be dissuaded from going to ________________.

B. Acts 21:17-20—Paul was encouraged by the church leaders to enter into a seven day Jewish purification rite to prove he still respected the old ________.

C. Acts 21:27-36—Paul’s enemies from ________ followed him to Jerusalem, stirred up trouble and began to ________ Paul with the intention of ________ him.

D. Acts 21:37-40—Paul was rescued by Roman soldiers and Paul asked for permission to __________ to the __________.

E. Acts 22:22-29—The crowd listened to Paul until he mentioned the __________, then they opposed him and the Roman commander ordered Paul to be ________.

1. Paul mentioned his ______________ ___ and escaped the flogging.

F. Acts 22:30—The Roman commander had Paul stand before the __________.

G. Acts 23:6-8—Paul caused a fight to erupt when he brought up the ______________.

H. Acts 23:11—The Lord stood by Paul and told him he would testify in __________.


J. Paul’s ____________ played a role in saving Paul’s life by exposing the plot.

K. Acts 23:23—The commander mobilized ________ bodyguards to move Paul to Caesarea to stand before Felix.

II. The Application

A. What a ______________ story this is.

B. We can trust God’s ____________ just like Paul did.

C. All of us are going to face times in our lives when it feels like our lives are ______________ out of __________.

D. Paul’s clear understanding of God and God’s promises allowed him to think ________ and remain ________ in the midst of crisis.

E. Psalm 46:1-3—nothing anyone or anything can throw at us will ________ that promise or any promise of God.

F. We grow best through ____________ and ____________ when we ________ God (James 1:2-4).

Answer Key:  