Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

“An Unhindered Life”

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Scripture Reading: Phil. 4:10-13; Sermon covers: Acts 28 9.4.16

Introduction:
A. Our _______ and ________ make such a difference.
B. Henry Ford said, “If you ______ you can do a thing or ______ you can’t do a thing, you are ________.”
C. Consider the difference between hindrances and obstacles.
   1. An obstacle is a __________ reality, but a hindrance is a __________ response to a physical reality.
D. Today, I want us to take to heart the lesson that Paul had lived an __________ life, and Paul had had an __________ ministry.
E. Does the fact that Paul had an unhindered life and ministry mean that his life and ministry were without __________ and __________? Absolutely _____!

I. The Story
A. Acts 28:11-16: After spending _____ months stranded on Malta, they finished their journey to _______.
   1. Was Paul in prison in Rome? No, he was under ________ ________.
B. Acts 28:17-31: After arriving, Paul called for a meeting with the _______ leaders.
   1. Do you wonder ______ Luke ________ the book of Acts this way?
   2. We can be sure that he did it for a __________, and that it is just the way the ________ wanted him to leave it.
   3. What is the very last Greek word in the very last verse of Acts? __________.
C. What we know about the end of Paul’s life as recorded outside the NT record:
   1. It appears that Paul was ________ after he appeared before Caesar.
   2. It appears that Paul’s ________ lasted only a ______ years.
   3. Evidence suggests that Paul was ________ by the Romans under Nero, sometime around May or June of ____ A.D.

II. The Application
A. As we have seen throughout this series, Paul is a great ________ for us.
B. Paul armed himself with two ___________ that helped him be truly unhindered.
C. First, Paul’s life and ministry were unhindered because of his attitude of ____________.
   1. Paul wrote Philippians during his two year ________ ________ in Rome.
   2. Nevertheless, the letter bubbles over with ________ and ________.
   3. Twice in Philippians 4:10-13: He has ________ to be __________.
   4. Ultimately, Paul’s contentment came from __________ God.
D. Second, Paul’s life and ministry were unhindered because of his attitude of ____________.
   1. Paul’s commitment to serve God instilled in him great ____________ and perseverance. (1 Cor. 16:7-8; Phil. 1:12-14)
   2. Examples of people who kept serving in spite of their circumstances: ________ ________ _______ and __________ __________.