

## 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

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#### ***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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. attitude, mindset. B. think, think, right. C.1. physical, mental. D. unhindered, unhindered. E. obstacles, challenges, not. I.A. Rome. I.A.1. house, arrest. I.B. Jewish. I.B.1. why, ended. I.B.2. reason, Spirit. I.B.3. unhindered. I.C.1. released. I.C.2. freedom, few. I.C.3. beheaded, 68. II.A. example. II.B. attitudes. II.C. contentment. II.C.1. house, arrest. II.C.2. joy, rejoicing. II.C.3. learned, content. II.C.4. trusting. II.D. commitment. II.D.1. determination. II.D.2. Joni, Eareckson, Tada, Myrtie, Howell.