

Next Steps:

Knowing your purpose is one thing. Living into your purpose is another thing altogether. Paul's experience in Acts 20 highlights how difficult it can be to persevere when times get hard.

Today's message was about the process of living into God's will based on Paul's words in Acts 20:22-24.

Before he spoke those words recorded in Acts 20:22-24, Paul was involved in some very exciting ministry opportunities described in Acts 19:1-20. In what ways did God use Paul in Ephesus?

Acts 19:21-22 gives a pretty solid hint about how the Holy Spirit was speaking to Paul. Where was God calling Paul to go?

Paul is laser focused on getting to where God has called him to go. Along the way he wants to speak to the leaders of the Ephesian church. What message does he give them in Acts 20:13-37. What are they supposed to do?

Acts 21:1-16 describes some of the challenges that await Paul in Jerusalem. What did Paul have to "look forward" to?

Acts 21:17 – 23:10 gives details about how Paul was able to testify to God's grace to a wide variety of people. How did God use Paul's hardships to spread the Gospel? Who are the different people Paul was able to speak to?

We can expect hardships when we are living into our God-given purpose. So is God's presence. Read Acts 23:11. How did Jesus reassure Paul?

Read Acts 23:12 – 28:31. Why was the assurance of Jesus' reassurance so important? Who were the people Paul was able to testify to about God's grace?

Next Week: Sometimes it is very confusing to know and live into God's purpose for our lives. We hope you can come back next week as we look at something that is God's will for all of us.