



Sermon Notes

Acts 21:1-24:27 | June 7th

Outline

A man ready to _____

A _____ that needs _____

a _____ that's already

been _____

a _____ that all of us _____

Other Passages cited:
Galatians 2:20, John 12, Matthew 26, Matthew 28

In Acts 23, Paul stands before the Sanhedrin -- the same council that tried Jesus -- and his response is notably different from Jesus's calm silence. How would you describe Paul's response?

The sermon makes the point that Paul's imprisonment, which looked like a loss of opportunity, actually gave him greater clarity and new opportunities. Can you think of times in your life where a limitation or loss in your life unexpectedly opened something up?

After Paul's rough appearance before the council, Jesus appears to him that night and says "Take courage." Why do you think Jesus shows up specifically in this moment of failure rather than a moment of triumph?

The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is described in the sermon as a self-replicating command -- disciples making disciples who make disciples. How do you personally understand your role in that chain right now?

The sermon suggests Paul may have been "reading the wrong lines" -- perhaps imagining himself following Jesus's path all the way to a sacrificial death in Jerusalem. Have you ever felt certain about a direction in life, only to realize you were working from a mistaken script? What happened?

Jesus tells Paul in Acts 23:11 that he must testify in Rome. Paul doesn't choose Rome -- it's chosen for him through arrest and imprisonment. How does that challenge the way we typically think about finding our calling or purpose?

