



Decade of Availability

Lack of Faith or Great Faith?

1. Fulfilling the Mission: v. 21 “After these things were ended” means Paul fulfilled the work in Ephesus directed by the Holy Spirit. But not without great adversity: 1 Cor 15:32 ...fought

with beasts! II Cor 1:8-10 ...despaired of his life! Great victory comes with great price. Walking in faith does NOT mean that all opposition and tribulation is warded off. Paul had great faith!!!

How is your faith doing?

2. Following the Spirit's Purpose: v. 21 The word for ‘purpose’ is ‘tithemi’ and means ‘a passive or horizontal posture.’ It means that Paul came to the Holy Spirit in total submission to His will. Paul totally desired the will of God.

Do you totally desire the will of God?

3. Living in Divine Necessity: v. 21 Paul says, “...I must see Rome.” The word ‘must’ in the Greek is “**Dei**” which means “Necessary in the plan of God, or to the plan of God.”

Paul's Necessary suffering: “He must [dei] suffer for my name's sake” Acts 9:16
See II Cor 11:23b-28 ...*laboring more than most, stripes above measure, imprisoned...*

What is your Divine Necessity?

Jesus' Divine Necessity: When Jesus was 12 and stayed behind in the temple—he told His parents when they found him: “I must [dei] be about my Father's business.” (Lk 2:49) He also said, “I must [dei]: suffer, preach, be delivered, go to Jerusalem.”

Paul's Divine Necessity: His direction and redirections were Spirit-led and Spirit inspired. In Acts, Paul must [dei]: Keep the Passover (18:21), bear witness in Rome (23:11), be brought before Caesar (27:24), be cast on an island (27:26).

Our (My) Divine Necessity: Our most important Divine Necessity is **FAITH**: “*But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must [dei] believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*” Heb 11:6

Will you please Him today by believing in Him for His purpose in your life?

What must [dei] you do to follow Him today, tomorrow and for all your days?

Acts 19:21-41 (KJV)

21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. **22** So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. **24** For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; **25** Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth. **26** Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands: **27** So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.

28 And when they heard these sayings, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians. **29** And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre. **30** And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. **31** And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring him that he would not adventure himself into the theatre. **32** Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33 And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people. **34** But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? **36** Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. **37** For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. **38** Wherefore if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another. **39** But if ye inquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. **41** And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.