



ACTS 15-28

Where Do We **GO** From Here?

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES...
TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

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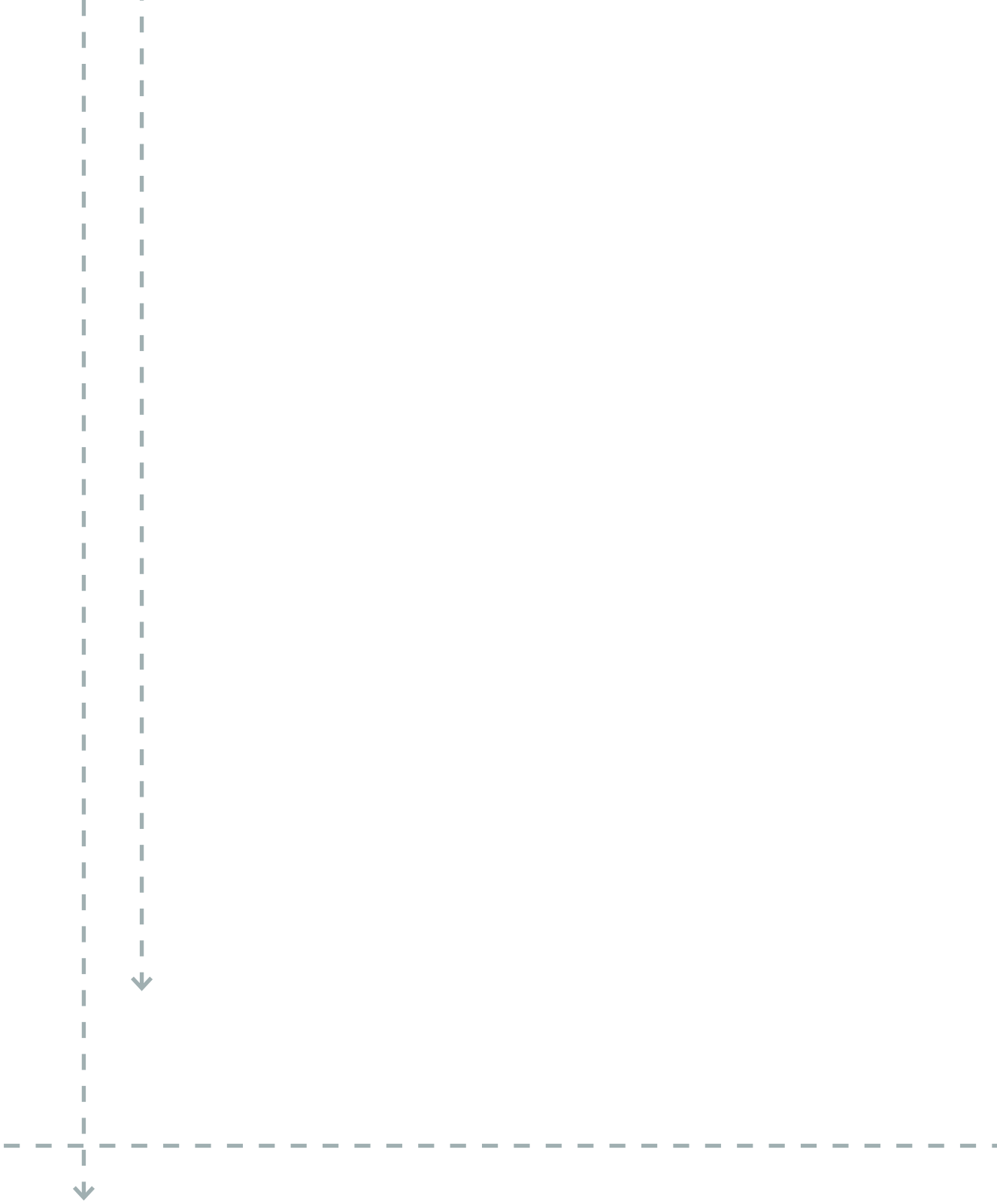


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Dear Fellowship Family,

We're glad you are here worshiping with us!

If you are here for the first time, we hope you leave here today having been stirred and challenged to move forward in your relationship with Jesus. We would love to connect to you further, so make sure you stop by and see us at the Welcome Center.

This Teaching Guide has two purposes. First, it is designed to help you journal some thoughts during our lesson today and for the rest of our series. We hope during this series that you will learn more about God and His character and that you will also consider some key takeaways that you can apply to your life this week. Second, this guide is meant to take you more deeply into the passage when the service is over. We encourage you to look up the Scriptures in the "Read More" section, to think more deeply in the "Study More" notes, and to write out a necessary personal change in the "Do More" section.

We are here for you and your family. Our hope is that you will be strengthened so that you can change your world for Christ.

If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Pastor Phil



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Where Do We GO From Here?

Do you enjoy traveling to places you've never been before? I do. Whenever I'm out of town or out of the country I want to go to the local places for dinner.

When it comes to touring, don't take me to the places everyone goes—let's get off the beaten path and meet the people that live there.

The second half of the book of Acts is all about the journey. The apostle Paul only returns home to give a report, repack his suitcase and get back on the road. His life is a testimony for us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. We ought to be a church that is known more for its *sending* capacity than its *seating* capacity.

But we also believe that there is a unique mission field around each of us. There are people that God has placed in your life that only you can reach. With that understanding, we will insert a couple of mini-series into our Acts study.

Our final part of the Change Your World series will take place during three Sundays in May, when we will explore the desires of the heart. The series will conclude with a good friend of FBC, Dr. Nicolas Ellen, who will be with us the weekend of May 18-19. Dr. Ellen is a sought-after international conference speaker and pastors Community of Faith Church in Houston, Texas. Plan now to attend this Saturday through Sunday conference.

Our goal is to: strengthen you to change your world for Christ. Glad you can join us on the journey!



Dr. Nicolas Ellen

Acts 20:17-38

Title _____ Date _____

Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

Paul doesn't have time to repeat everything he taught over the three years he lived with them, so he reminds them of himself. He doesn't do this because he's arrogant...Paul doesn't want the Ephesian elders to follow him. He wants to remind them that his upright, self-sacrificing, devoted character reflects the authenticity and importance of his message about Jesus. That's convicting for believers now: if we're going to talk about Jesus, we need to act like Him. (BibleRef.com)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V21: Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 21:31,32; Hebrews 6:1; Ephesians 1:15

V27: Leviticus 19:17; Ezekial 33:8; John 15:15; 1 Corinthians 11:23;

V30: Joshua 20:17; Revelation 2:6; Isaiah 59:3; Galatians 6:12,13;

V35: Isaiah 35:3; John 13:29; 1 Corinthians 9:12; Romans 4:19, 8:3

V37: 1 Samuel 20:41; 2 Samuel 15:30; Ezra 10:1; Job 2:12

Do More:

Write a belief or action that needs to change based upon your personal study.

Acts 21:1-16

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Today's Truths:

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Study More:

Despite the heartfelt pleas of the Christians of Tyre, Paul and his group did not turn away from going to Jerusalem. He was persuaded it was God's will, so they continued. It must have been wonderful for Paul and his companions to find Christians in virtually every city they stopped. This showed the expansion and the deepening of the Christian movement across the Roman Empire. Christians were everywhere, it seemed. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1: 1 Samuel 20:41,42; 1 Thessalonians 2:17; Luke 5:4, 8:22

V4: Matthew 10:11; 2 Timothy 1:17; Acts 20:6-7; Revelation 1:10

V11: 1 Samuel 15:27-28; 1 Kings 11:29-31; 2 Kings 13:15-19;

Isaiah 20:3; Jeremiah 13:1-11, 19:1, 27:2; Ezekial 24:19-25

V13: Psalms 106:15; Isaiah 3:15; Ezekial 18:2; Philippians 2:26, 30

V16: Psalms 71:17-18, 92:14; Romans 16:7; Philemon 9

Do More:

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Acts 21:17-40

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

The apostle was full of anxiety about this visit to Jerusalem, from the numerous prophetic intimations of danger awaiting him, and having reason to expect the presence at this feast of the very parties from whose virulent rage he had once and again narrowly escaped with his life. Hence we find him asking the Roman Christians to wrestle with him in prayer, "for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that he might be delivered from them that believed not in Judea." (BlueLetterBible.org)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V19: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, 15:10; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Galatians 2:8;

V24: Acts 24:18; Exodus 19:10, 14; Numbers 19:17-22;

Job 1:5, 41:25; Mark 5:26; James 4:3

V33: Judges 15:13, 16:8, 12, 21; Ephesians 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:16, 2:9

V35: Genesis 6:11, 12; Psalms 55:9, 58:2; Jeremiah 23:10;

V40: Luke 23:38; John 5:2, 19:13, 17, 20; Revelation 9:11, 16:16

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Acts 22:1-29

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

When Paul speaks before synagogues, he typically shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah who brings the kingdom of God. Here, Paul gives a long explanation as to why his accusers found him in the presence of a Gentile. He starts by identifying himself as a one-time Pharisee trainee and persecutor of the church (Acts 22:3-5). He then explains how he came to worship Jesus (Acts 22:6-16). Finally, he describes returning to Jerusalem after his conversion, particularly how the Jews rejected his new religious state and God commissioned him to reach the Gentiles instead (Acts 22:17-21).
(BibleRef.com)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V3: Philippians 3:5, 6; Romans 15:8; 2 Timothy 1:3; 2 Samuel 21:2

V7: Genesis 3:9, 16:8, 22:1, 11; Exodus 3:4; 1 Samuel 3:10;

V14: 2 Kings 21:22; 1 Chronicles 12:17, 29:18; Ezra 7:27; Luke 12:47

V21: Romans 1:5, 11:13, 16:26; Galatians 1:15, 16; 1 Timothy 2:7

V25: Matthew 8:8, 27:54; John 11:48

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Acts 22:30-23:22

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

Acts 23:1-11 records the fiasco that is the meeting with the Sanhedrin. Paul begins as he usually does by sincerely trying to bring Jews to understand Jesus is their Messiah. He seems to underestimate their hostility, however. He tries to defend his honor and they strike him.. He quickly realizes they're not going to listen to him, so he sets them against each other. He identifies himself as a Pharisee who believes in the resurrection of the dead. Most of the Sanhedrin are Sadducees who do not believe in a physical resurrection. The two factions turn violent, and the tribune takes Paul away for his safety. That night, Jesus tells Paul he will go to Rome. (BibleRef.com)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V1 (Ch. 23): Philippians 1:27, 3:20; Job 27:5-6; Romans 13:5

V9: Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30; 1 Samuel 24:17; Jeremiah 26:19

V14: Psalms 52:1-2; Isaiah 3:9; Jeremiah 6:15, 8:12; Hosea 4:9

V18: Acts 16:25; Genesis 40:14-15; Ephesians 4:1; Philemon 9

V19: Jeremiah 31:32; Mark 8:23, 9:27; Nehemiah 2:4; Esther 5:3, 7:2

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Acts 23:23-24:26

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Study More:

Marcus Antonius Felix, the governor, is an interesting individual. He had been a slave and some say this led to his cruel and licentious behavior as a government official. He is unfair to Paul; despite the fact Paul's accusers offer no legitimate charge against him (Acts 24:1-9), Felix keeps Paul under house arrest until he is replaced by Festus. He does this in part as a favor to the Jews and in part in hopes that Paul will offer him a bribe. He does give Paul some liberty and allows his friends to care for him (Acts 24:23, 26-27). (BibleRef.com)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V24 (23): Nehemiah 2:12; Esther 8:10; Luke 3:1; Luke 10:34

V34 (23): Acts 25:1; Esther 1:1, 89:9; Daniel 2:49, 6:1; Luke 23:6-7

V5 (24): 1 Kings 18:17-18; Jeremiah 38:4; Matthew 5:11-12, 10:25

V10 (24): Exodus 18:14-16; 1 Samuel 2:25, 8:5; Daniel 9:21;

V15 (24): Galatians 5:5; Titus 2:13; Hosea 13:14; Matthew 22:31

V25 (24): 1 Samuel 12:7; 2 Samuel 23:3; Job 29:14; Proverbs 16:12

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Acts 25:1-27

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

As before, the religious leaders made accusations without evidence against Paul. In response, Paul confidently rested on both the evidence and his apparent integrity. Many in the Bible were the target of false accusations (such as Joseph and Daniel). Yet in another sense, every follower of Jesus is the target of false accusations by the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10). Thankfully, Jesus is our defense against condemnation and false accusation (Romans 8:33-34). (BlueLetterBible.org)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V7: Ezra 4:15; Esther 3:8; Psalms 27:12, 35:11; Mark 15:3-4;
Luke 23:2, 10; 1 Peter 4:14-16

V11: Luke 7:21; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Galatians 3:18; Philippians 1:29

V22: Isaiah 52:15; Matthew 10:18; Luke 21:12

V23: Esther 1:4; Ecclesiastes 1:2; Isaiah 5:14, 14:11; 1 Peter 1:24;
Ezekiel 7:24, 30:18; Daniel 4:30; James 1:11;

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Acts 26:1-32

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

The presentation follows the pattern of a Roman legal defense: the exordium, or introductory address (Acts 26:2-3); the narratio, or explanation and context of the events (Acts 26:4-18); and the argumentio, or formal defense (Acts 26:19-23). As is custom, he [Agrippa] starts with a polite greeting. As is Paul's custom, the politeness does not drift into unearned flattery. The defense does address the legal charges, but the narratio allows Paul to spend significant time on his testimony. His early life as a devout, zealous Pharisee and his conversion to Christ-follower explains the Sanhedrin's animosity almost as much as his ministry teaching that their enemy—Jesus—rose from the dead. (BibleRef.com)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V7: Hebrews 10:36, 11:13; Ezra 6:17, 8:35; Revelation 7:4-8, 21:12;
Psalms 134:1-2, 135:2

V16: Ezekial 2:1; Daniel 10:11; Romans 1:5, 15:16;

V23: Matthew 26:42; John 12:34; Ephesians 2:17

V29: Exodus 16:3; Numbers 11:29; 2 Samuel 18:33; 2 Kings 5:3;
Jeremiah 13:17; Philippians 3:8

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Acts 27

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Today's Truths:

Today's Takeaways:

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Study More:

In Acts 27:21-22, Paul tells the crew to take heart. We shouldn't think that the sailors fasted and sought God. Instead, their abstinence from food probably was due to the poor condition of the food and seasickness. As a messenger of God, Paul hoped to bring hope to these passengers and crew who had given up all hope. His point wasn't simply to tell them he was right, but to bring them good news. God sent an angelic messenger to Paul to bring good, encouraging news when all else seemed hopeless.

This wasn't a direct appearance of Jesus (as in Jerusalem, Acts 23:11), but of an angel. God's word came to Paul different ways at different times. (BlueLetterBible.org)

Read More:

What other passages say about this topic.

V9: Leviticus 16:29; Numbers 29:7

V19: Job 2:4; Jonah 1:5; Mark 8:35-37; Luke 9:24-25

V24: Genesis 15:1, 46:3; 1 Kings 17:13; Isaiah 41:10-14; John 11:9

V35: Mark 8:6; Luke 22:19; John 6:11, 23; Romans 14:6

V42: Psalms 74:20; Proverbs 12:10; Ecclesiastes 9:3; Mark 15:15-20

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Acts 28

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Study More:

In the first century BC, the Roman general Pompey captured some Jews, enslaved them, and took them to Rome. The Jewish captives followed their religion so strictly, including their diet and observance of the Sabbath, that they were useless as slaves. So, Pompey released them. Some of these returned to Jerusalem and established the synagogue of the Freedmen (Acts 6:9). Others stayed in Rome. In AD 49, the emperor drove the Jews out, which is how Paul met Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:2). Later, the Jews were allowed to return; Priscilla and Aquila were already home and hosting a church by the time Paul wrote his letter about three years before (Romans 16:3). (BibleRef.com)

Read More:

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V2: Leviticus 19:18, 34; Proverbs 24:11-12; Matthew 10:42;

Luke 10:30-37; Romans 2:14-15

V4: Numbers 35:31-34; Proverbs 28:17; Isaiah 26:21

V16: Genesis 37:36; 2 Kings 25:8; Jeremiah 40:2

V28: Ezekial 36:32; Psalms 67:2, 98:2-3; Isaiah 40:5; Romans 11:11

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Grace In Action

Grace in Action is a fellowship of men and women who, in our struggle with various life afflictions, come together to share our experiences, strengths, and hopes with each other. This is “so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor.1:4).

Grace in Action meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7pm.

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Take Your **Next Step**

Our Next Steps process is designed to help you get into the flow and ministries of Fellowship Bible Church more quickly.

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