

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul has been hurrying to get to Jerusalem in time for Pentecost. We are not told why.
- * Over the past two weeks, we have consider part of Paul's ministry along the journey - with the church in Troas and then his exhortations to the elders of Ephesus.
- * In today's passage, we get to ponder the situation when two individuals, or groups, believe that they have a "word from the Lord" ... or that the Spirit is "leading them" ... and those beliefs are leading in different directions! What happens when a group within the church feels "led" in a way that different than those who are in authority?
- * Today, we must ask ourselves - "How do we respond when what we believe is the best solution - which 'clearly is the will of God' - is not that which is followed?"

INSTRUCTION**I. AT TYRE (v. 3-5)****A. The W** _____**B. The D** _____**C. The U** _____**II. AT CAESAREA (v. 8-15)****A. The W** _____

1. IT'S A _____ (v. 11; cf. Acts 11: 27-28; Revelation 2 & 3)

2. IT'S A _____ (cf. Acts 28: 17-20)

B. The D _____

1. THE B _____ A _____

2. THE A _____ D _____

a. His I _____ (v. 13; cf. Heb. 2: 9, 14-15; Philippians 2:20-21; 2 Corinthians 4:10-17)

b. His C _____ (cf. Acts 9: 13-17; 19:21; 20:22; Romans 8: 28-39)

C. The U _____

1. THEIR D _____ OF THE ARGUMENT

2. THEIR S _____ TO THE WILL OF THE LORD

3. THEIR P _____ IN THE NEXT PHASE OF MINISTRY (v. 15)

INTROSPECTION

- * How determined are you to follow the will of the Lord for your life? How easily are you persuaded to turn aside?
- * Upon what do your base knowing "the will of the Lord"?
- * How do you respond when what you believe is the best solution - which 'clearly is the will of God' - is not that which is followed?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best - as an assembly - seek to determine "the will of the Lord" for our assembly? What process should we follow?