

*Map of Paul’s 3rd missionary journey

1. Paul was devoted to the will of God (v. 1-14)

“I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” (Psalm 40:8)

- A. Paul would not be detained by comfortable fellowship

“But one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

- B. Paul would not be stopped by concerned warnings
- C. Paul would not be detoured by a prophetic warning
- D. Paul would not be sidetracked by peer pressure
- E. Paul displayed great courage to do the will of God

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.” (Acts 20:24)

“I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or death.” (Philippians 1:20)

- F. Paul’s example helped other accept God’s will

“Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.” (Philippians 3:17)

2. Paul was misunderstood by the Jerusalem church (v. 15-26)

- A. The church had grown among the Gentiles
- B. The church had grown among the Jews

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)

- C. The church struggled to understand God’s grace

“this mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 3:6)

- D. The Jews misunderstood Paul’s message
- E. Paul was asked to show his reverence for Jewish law
- F. Paul agreed to the plan to bring unity

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

3. Paul's visit ends up in prison (v. 27-36)

A. Troublemakers from Asia opposed Paul

B. False information was spread to the crowds

C. The temple became the place of a riot

D. Paul was captured and beaten

E. Paul was arrested by Roman soldiers