

The Journey of the Commissioned Life

Building His Church—The Commission Wall: Part 2

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- There is _____ story.
- There is _____ story.
- There is the _____ story (martus).
- There are the _____ (intersections).

Bible Study in Acts 21-23

- A snapshot of Paul's commissioned life story and the doors that opened:
 - Paul bound for Jerusalem (Acts 21:15-17)
 - Paul at the Temple (Acts 21:26-27)
 - Paul speaks Greek to the Roman commander (Acts 21:37-40)
 - Paul speaks Aramaic to the Jews (Acts 21:40 – 22:2)
 - Paul the Roman citizen (Acts 22:27-28)
 - Paul to the Jewish Sanhedrin (Acts 22:30 – 23:1)
- Paul's commissioned message:

Acts 23:6 *"My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead."*

Personal Application

- My life's journey _____ (it is NOT irrelevant).
- My life's journey can be _____ by Christ.
- My commissioned life's journey is now...
 - a. A _____ of Christ's power to redeem.
 - b. An _____ for someone else to find him.
 - c. A witness (martus) _____.

Isaiah 52:7 *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*

Romans 10:15 *And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

Digging Deeper

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

Today we reviewed the life experiences of Paul as related to the “Great Commission” wall as we are Building His Church.

Step 1: Review of Acts 21-23: Divide up into smaller groups of 2-3 people each. Assign the following passages for each group to review and to discuss the questions below. Then regather to report what you have learned. *(35 minutes)*

- Paul at the Temple (Acts 21:26-36)
- Paul as an Aramaic-speaking Jew (Acts 21:40 – 22:21)
- Paul as a Roman citizen (Acts 22:22-29)
- Paul as a Pharisee in front of the Jewish Sanhedrin (Acts 22:30 – 23:11)

Answer the following questions as they relate to each part of the story:

- Who was Paul speaking to in this situation?
- How did Paul’s life experience open doors and gain access to a specific people group in this situation?
- How did God use this circumstance to tell the story of Jesus?

Step 2: Review the “personal application” portion of the sermon today. Discuss how this **can be** and **has been** true in your life’s journey. How have you seen God use your life for his glory? *(25 minutes)*

1. My life’s journey matters (it is NOT irrelevant).
2. My life’s journey can be redeemed by Christ.
3. My commissioned life’s journey is now...
 - a. A revelation of Christ’s power to redeem.
 - b. An open door for someone else to find him.
 - c. A witness (martus) worth hearing.

Personal Assignment for the Week Ahead

As you leave today, your challenge is to go home and begin to write out your life in chapters. Include the major chapters in your personal life and how each chapter has affected you in your journey. Reflect on how God might have used, or might be using, that chapter for his commissioning of you.

Reading:

- Continue to read simultaneously and side by side:
 - Acts 21-28 (8 chapters)
 - 2 Corinthians (all 13 chapters)
- Specifically focus on 2 Corinthians 4 for next Sunday