

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

DEVOTION GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

READ TOGETHER ACTS 21:1-14

Acts 21:10-13

10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Acts 20:22-24

And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

Romans 1:11-12

For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

TALK TOGETHER.

1. How many times did Paul's friends persuade him not to go to Jerusalem in Acts 21:1-14 and why?
2. Who is Agabus? What did the Holy Spirit reveal to him about Paul? (Acts 21:10-11)
3. How did Paul respond to Agabus' warning and the pleadings of his friends? (Acts 21:13)
4. What motivated Paul to not give up and remain steadfast in fulfilling God's purpose? (Acts 20:22-24, Romans 1:11-12)
5. Do you think you would have been as determined as Paul? Why or why not?

CONVICTION

I will maximize my life for God's purpose.

APPLICATION

How will you maximize your life to fulfill God's purpose? e.g. trust God through trials, pray for loved ones, share the gospel, disciple your family, guard your heart and testimony, be filled with the Holy Spirit, etc.

PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Lord, help us to align our actions, decisions and priorities to Your will. Give us courage and the power to live every moment of our life fulfilling Your purpose and glorifying You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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