

“The Will of the Lord Be Done” Acts 21:1-40 6/30/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “The Will of the Lord Be Done” in Acts 21:1-40.

To the souls on this Online Word *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*. _____

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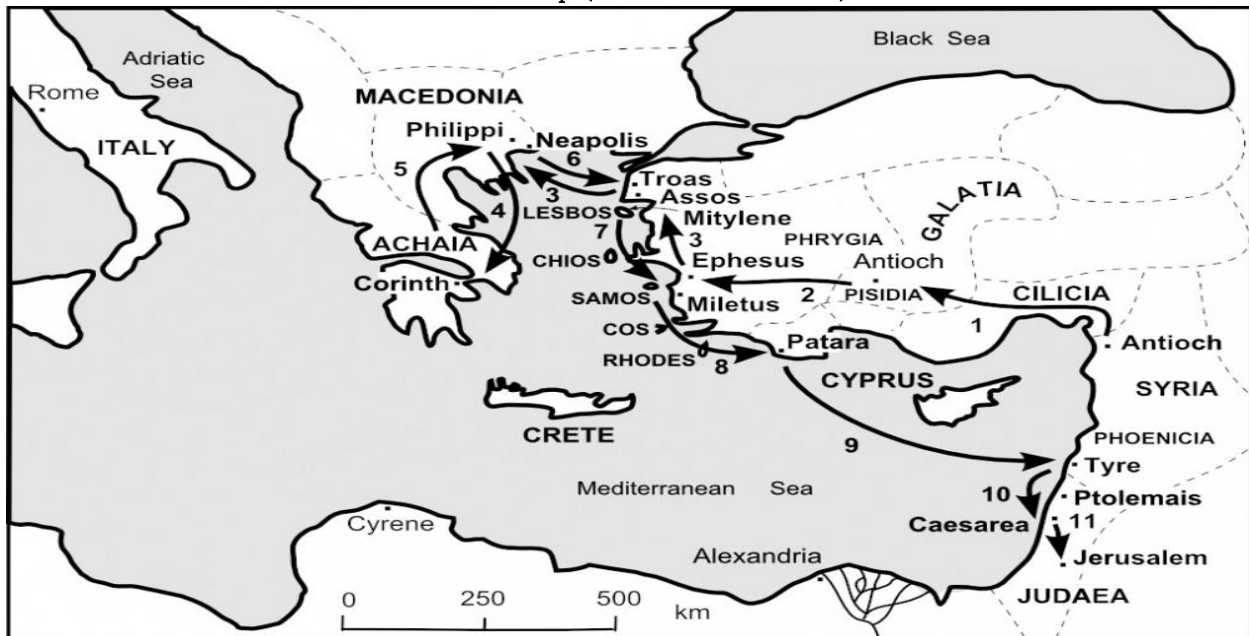
Q1. In verse 8, “On the next *day* we who were Paul’s companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was *one* of the seven, and stayed with him,” explain the long relationship between Philip and Paul? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 14, “So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, ‘The will of the Lord be done,’” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 26, Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them,” why did Paul do so with them? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

Paul’s 3rd Mission Trip (Acts 18:23 – 21:16) 53-57AD



Source: thebiblejourney.org

In the last time, in Acts 20:38, “sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship ,” on the beach of Miletus, it was a very emotional moment as Paul was ministering to these elders, giving them the charge

over the church, and commending/committing the church and the people to God. It's a good example for Christian fellowship. They had prayed together and comforted each other. They said their good byes, as Paul left for the uncertain future of Jerusalem

In this chapter, Paul's 3rd mission trip ended in Acts 21:16. And Paul's 4th mission trip as an arrestee began on Acts 21:17 (Arrival to Jerusalem) up to Acts 28:31 from 58-63 AD. Here is God's continuing work through His church, CCAH, in Acts 29.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

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| <p>¹Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following <i>day</i> to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ² And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. ³ When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo. ⁴ And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. ⁵ When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till <i>we were</i> out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed. ⁶ When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home. ⁷ And when we had finished <i>our</i> voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day.</p> | <p>1-2= (From Miletus, Paul was on the 3rd mission trip to Cos, Rhodes, Patara, and into Phoenicia region, with companions including Luke, the author of this book. See the map above, especially numbers 8 through 11.)</p> <p>3= (Paul arrived at Tyre, which was a Phoenician city with Sidon near to Mediterranean sea. Jesus had visited there in His ministry, a woman's pleading for her daughter's healing and upon her faith in great humility, "even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table," her daughter was healed. <i>Mat 15:21-28</i>)</p> <p>4= (Disciples or the followers of Jesus told Paul not to go up to Jerusalem from Paul's imprisonment or restraining his liberty, i.e., arrest, "the man who owns his belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentile," in verse 11, in the context, through the Spirit. God the Spirit revealed Paul's arrest and the disciples were convicted not to go there. So, because of the imprisonment, they dissuaded Paul from going up to Jerusalem. Note the conviction is personal, not generalized by people.)</p> <p>5-6= (When Paul, Luke, and other companions departed, the disciples, their wives and children prayed together on the shore of Tyre, saying their farewells. It's beautiful.)</p> <p>7= (Then, Paul, Luke and other companions arrived at Ptolemais, greeted the brothers in Christ, and stayed one day.)</p> |
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¹ *Mat 15:21-28* Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs."²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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| <p>⁸ On the next <i>day</i> we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was <i>one</i> of the seven, and stayed with him.</p> <p>⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.</p> <p>¹⁰ And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.</p> | <p>8=Q1 (Paul's companions arrived at Caesarea and entered the house of Philip the evangelist. Philip had been chosen to serve the daily distribution to the widows of the Hebrews and the Hellenists, but Saul or Paul's great persecution or havoc against the church at Jerusalem caused the scattered believers everywhere preaching the word. Then, Philip went to Samaira, preached them, taught Isaiah's prophecy to Ethiopian eunuch, and came to Caesarea. Now 22 years later, from Paul's conversion in 35 AD to Paul's 3rd mission trip ending in 57 AD, Philip was hosting Paul at his home in Caesarea there. All things work together for good because now those loved God and were called according to His purpose! <i>Acts 6:1-5; Acts 8:1-5; Acts 8:26-27, 40; Rom 8:28²</i>)</p> <p>9=(As Joel prophesied, when His Spirit is on all believers in the New Testament (NT) time, sons and daughter prophesy or deliver the words of God often for the future, not just the far future but near future. But teaching the word of God to adult men is limited to a man due to God's creation order. <i>Joel 2:28; 1 Tim 2:12-13³</i>)</p> <p>10=(Agabus the circuiting prophet previously prophesied a great famine which happened in the days of Claudius Caesar from 41-54 AD the 4th Roman Emperor <i>Acts 11:28⁴</i>)</p> |
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² *Acts 6:1-5* Now in those days, when *the number of* the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch; *Acts 8:1-5* Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.³ As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. ⁴ Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them; *Acts 8:26-27, 40*²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea; *Rom 8:28* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose..

³ *Joel 2:28* And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions; *1 Tim 2:12-13* And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

⁴ *Acts 11:28* Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

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| <p>11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his <i>own</i> hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver <i>him</i> into the hands of the Gentiles.' "</p> <p>12 Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.</p> <p>13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."</p> <p>14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."</p> <p>15 And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem. 16 Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.</p> <p>17 And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 On the following <i>day</i> Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.</p> | <p>11= (Agabus prophesied Paul's imprisonment or arrest in Jerusalem)</p> <p>12= (Paul's companions and those at Caesarea upon their conviction dissuaded Paul from going to Jerusalem because of suffering)</p> <p>13=(Paul said, "I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." No one wants suffering, hardship, or pain, but faithful one wants above all hardship or suffering to please God. Each calling or conviction is personal before the Lord, so, it's neither right nor wrong, like Jesus' personal calling to Peter and to John in difference. E.g. During Covid-19, to CCAH, many ministries have been added above closures of a lot of ministries in other places <i>1 Cor 4:1-2; John 21:22</i>⁵)</p> <p>14=Q2 (To commit ourselves to the will of the Lord is the secret of the believers' rest because God's foolishness which appears to me now is wiser than men. Otherwise you can strive with something. One Spirit exists but works in diverse gifts, ministries, and operations. <i>1 Cor 1:25; 1 Cor 12:4-6</i>⁶)</p> <p>15-16= (Paul went to Jerusalem with his companions, some disciples of Caesarea, and Mnason of Cyprus whose home the lodging place was in Jerusalem.)</p> <p>17= (When Paul arrived at Jerusalem, Paul's 4th mission trip began to be arrested in verse 30 "seized.")</p> <p>18=(Paul met James the half-brother of Jesus and the elders. Now Paul did not see the other apostles as his previous visit at Jerusalem <i>Gal 1:19</i>⁷)</p> |
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⁵ *1 Cor 4:1-2* Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful; *John 21:22* Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

⁶ *1 Cor 1:25* Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men; *1 Cor 12:4-6* There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities [operations], but it is the same God who works all in all..

⁷ *Gal 1:19* But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

¹⁹ When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. ²⁰ And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; ²¹ but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. ²² What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. ²³ Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. ²⁴ Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave *their* heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but *that* you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law. ²⁵ But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written *and* decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality."

19-20= (Paul reported his ministry among the Gentiles to them, who glorified the Lord. Many thousands of Jews Christians were still following the customs of Mosaic law.)

21= (Those Jews Christians were heard of Paul's teaching to the Jews among the Gentiles (1) to forsake Mosaic law, (2) not to circumcise their children and (3) not to follow its customs. That's not true in the light of verse 25.)

22-24= (To disprove their heard information about Paul's teaching to the Jews among the Gentiles in verse 21, Paul was suggested to follow the purification ritual from Mosaic law – Paul and other 4 men's heads shaved. Then, Paul would prove that he and his companions followed the customs of the Mosaic law like those Jews Christians, *Numbers 6:9*⁸)

25=(According to previous council at Jerusalem through James, the Gentiles did not have to circumcise, with the abstaining from things polluted by idols, sexual immorality, things strangled, and blood because all believers, either Jews or the Gentiles, received the salvation through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts 15:1-2, 11, 19-20*⁹)

⁸ *Numbers 6:9* And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him, and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it.

⁹ *Acts 15:1-2, 11, 19-20*¹ And certain *men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ² Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. ¹¹ But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they." ¹⁹ Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰ but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, *from* sexual immorality, *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

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| <p>26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.</p> <p>27 Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all <i>men</i> everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." 29 (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)</p> | <p>26=Q3 (Paul knew that the Jewish rituals did not make a person righteous. He was trusting in the righteousness of Christ through faith. He had been freed from the ritualism. But there were many Jews in the church who believed in Christ but were still following the old customs and rituals developed from Mosaic law. To bring them more closer to Christ or to win them to Christ without potential contention, Paul went through the purification ritual. In Athens, Paul saw a lot of idols and his spirit was provoked. But he did not revoke them but convinced them, "you are very religious," with the gospel of Jesus Christ to bring them to Christ. Further, among believers on the earth, we should build up the body of Christ all together unless he or she is against the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Otherwise, we should rebuke him or her for purity upon the principles of the doctrine of Christ, e.g., Apostles' creed. <i>Rom 9:3; Rom 12:18; 1 Cor 9:19-21; Acts 17:16, 22, 31, 34; Heb 6:1; Eph 1:22-23</i>¹⁰)</p> <p>27=(The Jews from Asia accused Paul, stirring up the whole crowd, although Paul did not judge others until the Lord comes and judges. <i>1 Cor 4:3-5</i>¹¹)</p> <p>28-29=(The Jews from Asia alleged that Paul taught all men everywhere against the Jews, the Mosaic law, and the temple. They were likely Judaists, not Jews Christians. When they saw Trophimus, whom they previously had seen in Ephesus city of Greece, was one of Paul's companions in Jerusalem, they assumed Trophimus the Ephesian or the Greek into the temple, i.e., Greeks in the inner court of the temple, against the custom, from Mosaic law, for the inner court for Jews and the outer court for the Gentiles. So, Paul defiled the holy temple, subject to death penalty. <i>Acts 20:4; Acts 24:19</i>¹²)</p> |
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¹⁰ *Rom 9:3* For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh; *Rom 12:18* If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men; *1 Cor 9:19-21* For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; ²¹ to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law; *Acts 17:16, 22, 31, 34*¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them; *Heb 6:1* Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,; *Eph 1:22-23* And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

¹¹ *1 Cor 4:3-5* But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵ Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

¹² *Acts 20:4* And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia; *Acts 14:19* They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me.

³⁰ And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. ³¹ Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

³² He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³ Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. ³⁴ And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks [the castle]. ³⁵ When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. ³⁶ For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!" ³⁷ Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can you speak Greek? ³⁸ Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?" ³⁹ But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen

30= (They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, seeking to kill him.)

31= (This uproar news came to the commander of the garrison who was Claudius Lysias. Then, governor was Felix Acts 23:26¹³)

32-40= (When the commander ran down with soldiers and centurions, the multitude stopped beating Paul, Paul was ordered to be bound with 2 chains by the commander. Because of tumult or too much loud noise, he could not find out the truth, So, he ordered Paul to be taken into the barracks, castle, or fortress, i.e., Antonio Fortress. The multitude cried out, "Away with him," or "Kill him." Paul spoke with the commander in Greek about his identity, not an Egyptian rebel of 4,000 assassins, and got permission to the Jews multitude in Hebrew. This was great opportunity them to be brought closer to Jesus.)

¹³ Acts 23:26 Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.

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| of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people." ⁴⁰ So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to <i>them</i> in the Hebrew language, saying, | |
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. Also the whole verses of NIV as a reference are observed equally to KJV and NKJV for every online word. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

European Union Mission

The conviction was handed down on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

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"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).

EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with the aid of an AI tool

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet McTaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

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Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh..... MAP

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Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin (Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

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*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all Scripture

[Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills \(all Scripture\)](#)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.



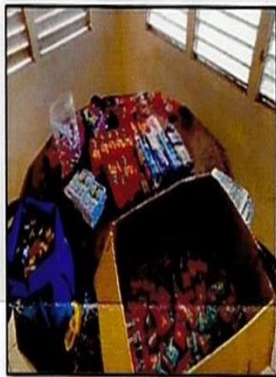
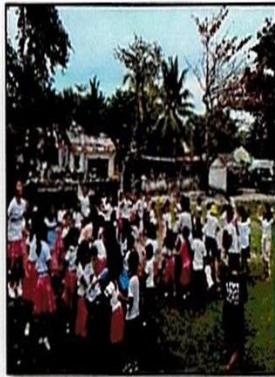
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The truth the Word of God matters wherever – indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky --- and wherever – Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 4:23; 5:39; 17:17; Col 2:16-17). [Christian Population by Country](#)

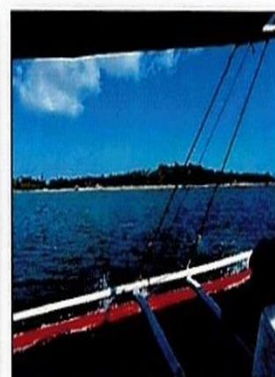
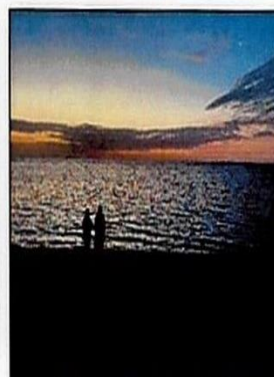
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)

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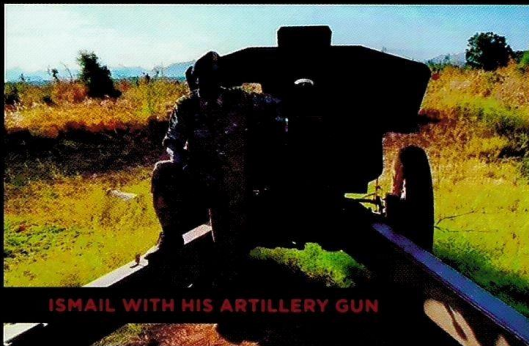
Pray for Philippines Ministry and for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) ministry at Dumaguete Island.



You helped us pay to have the church roof repaired :)



Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

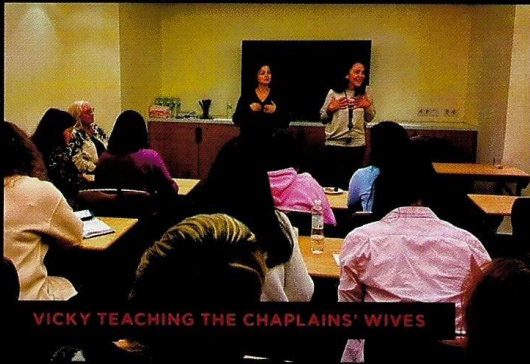
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

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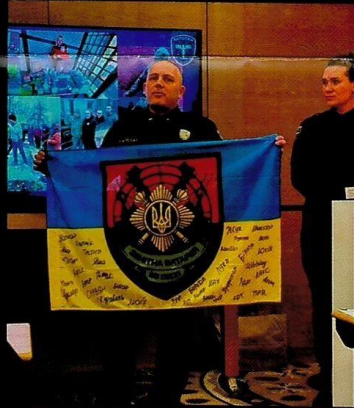
Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

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I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

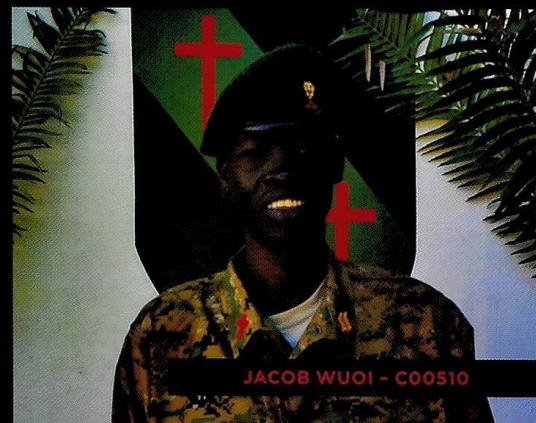
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing (e.g. David's motive for census in 1 Chro 21:1). Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Every Christian is exhorted to go to church at any convenient place unless she is against "the principles of doctrine of Christ" (Heb 6:1) because of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" (Eph 1:22-23). Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26). When God leads, God provides (1 Chronicles 22:11). So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. An offering box in a church service or a donation button on websites through CCAH is a way to express a donor's love for God by willing donation, the 1st part rather than 2nd money part, according to the Scripture (Mark 12:43; Luke 21:3-4). In fact, the fund raising or the fund seeking is not necessary for CCAH but the Lord seeking is sufficient because God is continually working through His church, CCAH, in Acts 29 (1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 15:1-2). We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philipians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4th Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

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(Please pray for the 5 joining co-ministers to be blessed richly and to share the blessings with the Lord's lambs at each ministry that each received from Him.)

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Hope, Suffering, and Glory: Studies in 1 Peter

Dear Friends,

We are really looking forward to this year's CGN International Conference. As the Executive Team sat down to think and pray about this year's theme, we all agreed that, based on the tumultuous nature of the times, we needed to look to a text of Scripture that would speak to our current cultural moment. We agreed that 1 Peter would be an excellent place to draw encouragement from since Peter wrote to those who were also living out their faith in challenging times. Our theme, Hope, Suffering, and Glory, captures much of what the Apostle addressed in the letter and speaks to much of our experience here in this present hour. I am delighted that we have been able to put together a great lineup of speakers to address important and relevant topics. I look forward to seeing each of you, and being encouraged together with you, as we look to the Lord to speak through His word and strengthen each of us through His presence as we gather in His name.



Blessings,

Brian Brodersen

President, Calvary Global Network