

God Moments in Times of Trial

Acts 21:1- 22:29

- I. Submitting to God in Trials: Paul traveled to Jerusalem as bad news loomed (Acts 21:1-26).
 - A. Various prophets warned Paul that he would be imprisoned (21:1-14).
 - **Prerequisite #1** – Paul submitted to God’s will as he faced suffering.
 - B. James and elders warned Paul that he was accused of opposing Jewish laws (21:15-26).
 - **Prerequisite #2** – Paul submitted to spiritual leaders for direction.

- II. Experiencing God’s Faithfulness in Trials: Paul was arrested, but God continually intervened (Acts 21:27-23:11).
 - A. Paul was seized by the crowd and beaten based on false accusations (21:27-36).
 - **God moment #1** – The crowd wanted to kill Paul, but he is rescued by reasonable officials.
 - B. Paul defended himself and the gospel to the commander and the Jewish crowd (21:37-22:29).
 - **God moment #2** – Paul is accused of starting a revolt, but then has opportunity to defend himself.
 - **God moment #3** – The Jews respond violently, but Paul is spared from flogging when he reveals he is a Roman citizen.