

**Living a Christ-Centered Life**  
**LESSON 45: Becoming All Things to All Men**

In **Acts 21**, Paul leaves the Ephesian Elders and continues on his way to Jerusalem. Twice he is warned not to go to Jerusalem, but he goes anyway. Is he full of faith? Is he ignoring the Spirit? Again, Paul will have to deal with the Jewish and Gentile Christian question.

**Questions to consider**

1. Have you ever experienced being misunderstood as a Christian? In your belief; motives; or actions? How does a Christ-centered Christian deal with opposition?
  
2. Does fear of what others think; or fear of trouble keep us doing what we believe is the right thing?

**Word Study**

V.14 "Dissuaded"

V.14 "Lord's will"

**Read Acts 21:1-12      Warnings of persecution: What do you do?**

- Did Paul go against the wishes or the direction of the Holy Spirit by not giving in to what the prophets were warning him about? (v.v. 3, 10, 11)
- Was Paul full of faith or arrogance?

**Read Acts 21:13-20a      Response One: Going with God's will no matter what.**

- Do Paul's words show that it was God's will to go to Jerusalem; or God's will that he suffer for preaching Jesus?
- In v.20, what was the reason for praising of God? What should Paul take from it?

**Read Acts 21:20b-29      Response Two: Becoming all things to all men.**

- What is the significance of the advice Paul was given? What was the point and the goal of making a Jewish vow?
- What were other efforts of Paul to be all things to all men? (1 Cor.9:19-23; 2 Cor.8, Acts 16:1-5; 18:18; Gal. 2:1-13)