



Resources

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Acts 28:30-31

30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Sermon Outline:

3 Lessons on developing courage in the face of suffering:

1. We should not simply expect suffering, we should embrace it.
2. Suffering does not sideline us from ministry, it enhances it.
3. Suffering does not stop the gospel's advance, it cuts the path.

Life Group Leader Notes:





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- What was your main takeaway from this week's sermon on the last passage in the book of Acts?

 - What is the difference between *expecting* suffering and *embracing* suffering? Which attitude is more biblical?

 - How did Paul "embrace" suffering? Think of a few other examples in the Bible when people embraced suffering as a part of their calling. Can you think of any examples when people intentionally sidestepped suffering to maintain a comfortable/easy life? How did that turn out?

 - Discuss the statement: "The greatest gift you can give to your family and to the world is a healthy you." How might the Apostle Paul react to this statement? How would Paul finish this sentence: "The greatest gift you can give to your family and to the world is _____."

 - According to the Bible, we serve most effectively from a position of weakness. Why is this? Have you seen this to be true in your own life?

 - What are the challenges of serving from a place of weakness? How can we learn to overcome these challenges? Has God given you strength to overcome some of these challenges?

 - Pastor Michael highlighted a familiar pattern in the Scripture: when people receive a difficult assignment from the Lord, but respond faithfully, the gospel advances. How has this been true in your life?

