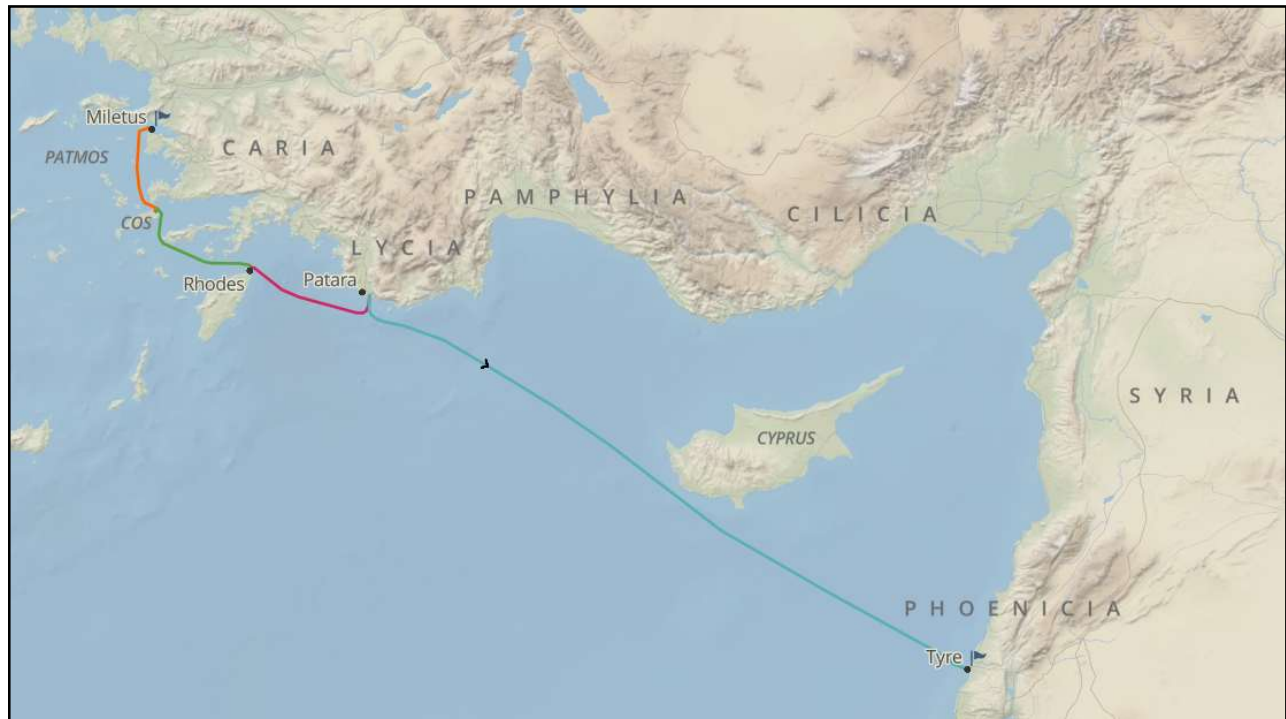


ACTS

Faith Under Pressure

Acts 21:1-40





Following the Spirit

ACTS

- Paul is following the leading of the Holy Spirit.
 - “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.”
- Acts 20:22-23

Following the Spirit

ACTS

- The Holy Spirit is operating in the lives of all the disciples.
 - “Through the Spirit they urged Paul...” - Acts. 21:4
 - “four unmarried daughters who prophesied” - Acts 21:9 (compare Acts 2:17)
 - “Agabus...said, ‘The Holy Spirit says...’” - Acts 21:11

Seeking Peace

ACTS

- Paul goes out of his way to clear up confusion and make peace.

Seeking Peace

ACTS

- Paul goes out of his way to clear up confusion and make peace.
- He remains patient and calm in the midst of false assumptions and accusations.

Suffering for Jesus

ACTS

- Paul is willing to endure hardship and death for Jesus.
 - “I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”
- Acts 21:13

Suffering for Jesus

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- Paul is sharing in the sufferings of Jesus.

Suffering for Jesus

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- “Agabus...took Paul’s belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, ‘...in this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles’ - Acts 21:11
- “Jesus...told them, ‘We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be delivered over to the Gentiles...’” - Luke 18:31-32

Suffering for Jesus

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- “The crowd that followed kept shouting, “Get rid of him!” - Acts 21:36
- “Away with this man” - Luke 23:18

Suffering for Jesus

ACTS

- Paul is sharing in the sufferings of Jesus.

Faith Under Pressure

ACTS

- Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Seek peace in the midst of confusion, false assumptions, and false accusations.
- Be willing to suffer for Jesus.