

Acts 28:1-16

God's Plans Will Not Be Stopped

God is faithful, even when we can't see how.

1. God's ways are not our ways. (28:1-6)

Isaiah 55:8-9 » For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33 » Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Isaiah 40:28 » Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.

Proverbs 3:5-6 » Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

2. Your labor may not bear visible fruit. (28:6-10)

Hebrews 2:3-4 » how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. (cf, 2 Cor 12:12)

2 Timothy 2:4-7 » No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Galatians 6:9-10 » And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Peter 2:12 » Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

3. All the world serves the plan of God. (28:11-16)

Matthew 8:27 » And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Romans 1:11-12 » ¹¹ For I long to see you ... ¹² that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (cf, 1 Thess 5:10-11)

Acts 2:23 » this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. (cf, Acts 4:27-28)

Romans 15:29-32 » I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ. ³⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

Ephesians 5:15-16 » ¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.



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