

Obedience, Opposition, and the Cost of the Gospel

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Text: Acts 21:1-22:29

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- If you add up the total time that Paul was doing mission work, it is estimated at 9 years.
- What could have happened with an extra 5 years?
- Fact: The church leaders knew the truth, but gossip travels faster than truth, and they couldn't squelch the lie.
- Paul was willing to do and give anything for the advancement of the Gospel.
- God called Paul to Jerusalem... lots of people tried to prevent him from going, but he did not let anyone stop him.
- What is God calling you to do with your time, talent, treasure?
- Was the Christian community fractured by gossip? So fractured that it created the conditions needed for Paul's 5-year imprisonment.
- How are you rejecting and preventing the spread of gossip (work, family, church)?
- When was the last time you went directly to a person to see if something you heard was actually true?

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