## God's Blueprint for the Church: Part 2 Knowing God's Will and Doing It Acts 21:1-22:30 (page 773)

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## Doing God's will may:

- be <u>c h a l l e n g e d</u> by the <u>c o n c e r n</u> of others for me (Acts 21:1-6)
- involve <u>trials</u> and <u>suffering</u> (Acts 21:7-14)

Remember: Sometimes others may <u>q u e s t i o n</u> your <u>u n d e r s t a n d i n g</u> of God's will for you – be <u>o b e d i e n t</u>!

## Being confident of God's will enables me to:

- endure <u>m i s u n d e r s t a n d i n g</u> from other <u>C h r i s t i a n s</u>
  (Acts 21:15-26)
- endure <u>criticis m</u> from <u>n o n -Christians</u> (Acts 21:27-36)
- be <u>c o m m i t t e d</u> to fulfilling God's <u>p I a n</u> (Acts 21:37-22:21)
- fully trust that God will keep me (Acts 22:22-30)

Remember: sometimes God's will involves <u>d i f f i c u l t</u> circumstances – be c o u r a q e o u s !

## To think about....

We all want to know the will of God in our lives but we sometimes
get it muddled with our emotions and feelings and the advice
of those who genuinely care for us – or that we care about.
Think back and see if you have ever been in this position:
$\sqrt{\mbox{ Have I ever been } \mbox{\it dissuaded from following}} \mbox{ the Lord because}$
of conflicting guidance from others?
$\checkmark$ Has my own, or others concern for <i>safety and success</i> kept me
from pressing ahead to follow the Lord in difficult
circumstances?
Has my own <i>fear of radical obedience</i> prompted me to
discourage someone else from their determination to do
God's will?
What has God called me to do? What is keeping me from fulfilling
His purpose in my life? What will I do this week to move
forward with God?