

Fight or Flight or...

Acts 19:21-20:1

What danger or trouble or problem or pain or...
_____ you today?

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10, 19-20: God brought a _____ and _____ response to the Gospel

The Gospel went WIDE (many _____)

The Gospel went DEEP (big _____ in each person)

21-22: Paul's ministry journeys were led by _____

Perhaps Paul's work to start new _____

in the eastern Roman Empire was done

"I _____ visit Rome also"

A sense of 'divine _____'

Suggests an awareness of opposition or _____

Note that Paul was not working alone

23-41: A WIDE and DEEP response to the Gospel (the _____)

led to a "great _____"

Sources of disturbance

Economic, cultural/_____, and religious

Public _____ was powerful!

Crowds and public _____

Eventually a calmer voice brought _____

Are we _____ enough in our hopes for the Gospel??

_____ AND _____

And people who benefit in the current system are likely to be very

_____ with the change

20:1: No other power can stop the _____ of God

This _____ seemingly had no negative effects on Paul

He spoke to _____ the Ephesians Christians

Certainly they expected more _____ like this in the future

The Big Idea:

While a deep and wide response to the Gospel

may bring great _____ or trouble or _____

God is _____ still

and His _____ will still come

with His _____ and joy and goodness

Application

Go _____ and _____ in Christianity

_____ : This news is to be taken to everyone!

Who in your life has not yet deeply understood

the amazing news of the _____?

What can you do to help them gain this _____?

What can WE do _____ to bear witness to the amazing news of
God's work in Christ?

"_____ will receive power, and _____ will be my witnesses"

_____ : This news should deeply affect each of us

What do we do with our _____, our _____, our _____?

In conflict, are we growing in peace, patience, kindness, love?

- It is good to seek _____ changes
- Yet the first strategy of God is deep _____ change by many
- How can we help each other go _____ in the Gospel?

Christianity is not merely something to give _____ to life

It opens us up to a real _____ with the living God

Those who genuinely experience God cannot be _____!

Let's help each other go _____ in God

Be _____ in His mighty power

Great trouble is no need to _____; 1 Peter 2:23; 4:19

There is no need to _____ (fight or flight); Ephesians 5:10-13

Instead..._____ in God's power and in God's ways

The only _____ and _____ place to be is in God's will,
no matter how problematic it looks

How often are our decisions guided by...

Fear? Fatalism? Insecurities? Lack of faith?

Acts 5:38-39

- The _____ of Jesus Christ is "from God"
- The _____ of Christ in each of His children is "from God"
- The _____ of God for you if "from God"

Isaiah 40:15

Reflection

- Which you are more likely to do when trouble comes: fight or flight?
Why might that be?
- What practices help you see the bigger view of God and His work,
rather than just the smaller view of our trouble and our efforts?
- Where is God calling you to go deeper into the Gospel?