

Acts 11:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting.
Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we
entered into the man's house:

Analysis

And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: The Spirit's explicit command removes uncertainty while bringing witnesses ensures accountability for controversial action.

Historical Context

Nothing doubting translates Greek meaning 'making no distinction'—don't differentiate between clean/unclean, Jew/Gentile. Six brethren (plus Peter makes seven—number of completeness) provided multiple witnesses for unprecedented action. Jewish law required two witnesses (Deuteronomy 19:15); Peter exceeded this. Around 40 CE, these witnesses could corroborate Peter's account, protecting him from false accusation regarding controversial Gentile ministry.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does explicit Spirit direction remove doubt in controversial situations?
2. What role do witnesses play in validating controversial but legitimate ministry?
3. Why does bringing witnesses demonstrate wisdom rather than timidity?
4. In what ways does Spirit guidance include both direction and wisdom about implementation?
5. What does 'making no distinction' reveal about gospel's universal scope?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν δὲ μοι τὸ πνεῦμά συνελθεῖν αὐτοῖς μηδὲν
bade **And** **me** ^{G3588} **the Spirit** **go with** **them** **nothing**
G2036 G1161 G3427 G4151 G4905 G846 G3367

διακρίνόμενον ἦλθον δὲ σὺν ἐμοὶ καὶ οἱ ἕξ
doubting ^{G2064} **And** **accompanied** **me** **and** ^{G3588} **six**
G1252 G1161 G4862 G1698 G2532 G1803

ἀδελφοὶ οὗτοι καὶ εἰσῆλθομεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ
brethren **these** **and** **we entered** **into** ^{G3588} **house** ^{G3588}
G80 G3778 G2532 G1525 G1519 G3624

ἀνδρός
the man's
G435

Additional Cross-References

Acts 8:29 (Spirit): Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Romans 3:22 (Parallel theme): Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Acts 10:23 (Parallel theme): Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 (Spirit): That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

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