

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

εὗπεν	δὲ	μοι	τὸ	πνεῦμά	συνελθεῖν	αὐτοῖς	μηδὲν
bade	And	me	G3588	the Spirit	go with	them	nothing
G2036	G1161	G3427		G4151	G4905	G846	G3367
διακρίνομενον	ἡλθον	δὲ	σὺν	έμοι	καὶ	οἱ	Ἐξ
doubting	G2064	And	accompanied	me	and	G3588	six
G1252		G1161	G4862	G1698	G2532		G1803
ἀδελφοὶ	οὗτοι	καὶ	εἰσήλθομεν	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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