

# Acts 15:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Notwithstanding it pleased Silas to abide there still.

## Analysis

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This verse (appearing in some manuscripts) notes that Silas chose to remain in Antioch. His decision to stay would prove providential - when Paul needed a new companion after separating from Barnabas, Silas was available. God's sovereignty works through human choices to accomplish His purposes.

## Historical Context

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Silas's presence in Antioch positioned him to join Paul's second missionary journey (Acts 15:40). This seemingly minor detail shows how God orchestrates circumstances for gospel advance.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God work through ordinary decisions to accomplish His will?
2. What role does providence play in ministry opportunities?
3. How can we recognize God's hand in seemingly coincidental circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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ἔδοξεν	δὲ	τῷ	Σίλα	ἐπιμεῖναι	αὐτοῦ
it pleased	Notwithstanding	G3588	Silas	still	there
G1380	G1161		G4609	G1961	G847

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