

Acts 20:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Analysis

'I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem' - divine compulsion directed Paul's journey. 'Not knowing the things that shall befall me there' combined certainty of calling with uncertainty of details. Obedience doesn't require complete knowledge.

Historical Context

The Spirit's constraint (whether human spirit or Holy Spirit) drove Paul toward Jerusalem despite danger warnings. He obeyed the call without knowing all implications.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you obey divine direction when outcomes remain uncertain?
2. What does 'bound in spirit' teach about Spirit-led compulsion?

Interlinear Text

καὶ νῦν ἰδού, ἐγὼ δεδεμένος τῷ πνεύματι πορεύομαι
And now behold I bound in the spirit go
G2532 G3568 G2400 G1473 G1210 G3588 G4151 G4198

εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ συναντήσοντά μοι μὴ
unto Jerusalem G3588 there G846 the things that shall befall me not
G1519 G2419 G1722 G4876 G3427 G3361

εἰδώς
knowing
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Additional Cross-References

James 4:14 (Parallel theme): Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

2 Peter 1:14 (Parallel theme): Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (Parallel theme): For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

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