

Acts 21:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

Analysis

The disciples at Tyre, speaking 'through the Spirit,' warned Paul not to go to Jerusalem. This presents a tension between prophetic warning and apostolic calling - the Spirit revealed the danger ahead, but Paul understood his divine commission required him to press forward. This demonstrates that spiritual discernment sometimes involves weighing multiple Spirit-led impressions against God's overarching mission.

Historical Context

Tyre was an ancient Phoenician port city with a small Christian community established after Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 11:19). Paul's seven-day stay suggests established relationships and organized church life.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between Spirit-led warnings to heed and obstacles to overcome in faith?

2. What does this passage teach about the tension between personal safety and divine mission?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἀνευρόντες τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐπεμείναμεν αὐτοῦ ἡμέρας
And **finding** ^{G3588} **disciples** **we tarried** **there** **days**
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ἐπτά οἵτινες τῷ Παύλῳ ἔλεγον διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος
seven **who** ^{G3588} **to Paul** **said** **through** ^{G3588} **the Spirit**
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μὴ ἀναβαίνειν εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ
not **go up** **to** **Jerusalem**
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