

# the great divide

*Acts 21:17-36*

Obedience to Christ does not mean we always avoid hardship, but it means we never walk alone. Paul was bold under fire, and God used him to deliver a powerful message.

## *I. Warm Reception by the Church (vv. 17-26).*

- A. Giving God praise for all He had done (vv. 17-20a).
- B. Giving Paul counsel for what was to come (vv. 20b-26).
  - 1. What people had heard about Paul.
  - 2. What Paul was asked to do to promote peace.

## *II. Cold Response in the Temple (vv. 27-36).*

- A. I \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 27a).
- B. I \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 27b-29).
  - 1. Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28a).
  - 2. Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 28b-29).
- C. I \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 30-36).
  - 1. Escalating \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 30).
  - 2. Unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 31-36).

## *Acts 21 and us today:*

- 1. Do we see ourselves as expendable in Christ's service?
- 2. Are we showing boldness in the face of adversity?
- 3. Is our love for Christ driving all we are and do?