

## **Resolute** (Acts 21-22)

There are times in our life when we know exactly what God wants us to do, but it's incredibly hard to do it. Staying resolute in these moments, when opposition comes from every side, is a real test. If we cling to the gospel of Jesus, it will make all the difference.

By God's grace, we see Paul staying resolute:

### **1. Resolute in the midst of opposition**

- Loving opposition (21:4,10-14)
- Hateful opposition (21:27-36)

### **2. Resolute in the gospel**

- Gospel story (22:1-21) | *Who we are is not who we were!*
- Gospel suffering (22:22-29) | *Our story is still being written.*

**QUESTIONS** (Pray, read the passage and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you knew exactly what God wanted you to do, but it was incredibly hard to do it? Is there anything like that right now?
2. Have you ever felt like you had to choose between doing what God wants you to do and what those whom you love want you to do?
3. In what ways has the gospel changed your identity and who you are as a person? How does this galvanize your resolve?
4. Looking back on your life, how can God's gospel work give you hope for the trials to come?
5. In what ways does suffering help you identify with Jesus' suffering? In what ways can we not relate?
6. Psalm 34 says that *the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit*". How might experiencing suffering or persecution (because of your identification with Christ) draw you closer to Jesus?