

The Church on Mission

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me..." Acts 1:8

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CONFIDENCE IN CONSPIRACIES OR PROVIDENCE? Part 2

Acts 23:22-35

Context: God uses the Roman soldiers to spare Paul's life from mob violence and a plot to ambush him while in Roman custody. Meanwhile, Jesus stands with Paul in the night while he has been arrested and assures Paul, without giving him all the details, that God is sending him to witness for Christ at Rome.

God wants us to have a fearless confidence in His providential leading, although we will not know many details.

Fearless confidence in Your Faithful God Remembers:

- I. God provides the right person and timing to bring together His will (Acts 23:16-22; Proverbs 16:9, 20:24).
- II. To rest in God's plans as better than your ideal intentions (Acts 23:23-24; Jeremiah 10:23; Daniel 4:35).
- III. Though men selfishly promote themselves, God is not limited by men's sinful choices (Acts 23:25-30; Proverbs 21:1, 30; Isaiah 8:10; Isaiah 54:7).
- IV. God foils some evil plots, to providentially make possible His purpose for you (Acts 23:31-35; verse 11; Genesis 45:5; 50:20; Acts 2:23).
 - *God wants you to be responsible by not placing your faith in your plans, but in Him and whatever His objectives are (2 Samuel 10:12).*
 - *Be providentially placed wherever God wants you because you love Him and are following Him. Purpose to suffer for doing good, not for committing evil and God using you in spite of you.*
 - *You cannot be afraid of the unknown (Matthew 6:26, 31; 10:29-31).*
 - *You need to respond with thanksgiving in all circumstances (Psalm 103:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Remember, nothing just happens. There is no such thing as "luck" or "chance."*