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THE WISDOM TO DISCERN

This past Sunday, Pastor Ta taught us the importance of discerning God's will and direction. We embrace the spiritual reality of the key verse for this series: Psalm 139:16 "...all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

SERMON MAIN IDEA: How you experience your present is completely shaped by what you believe your ultimate future to be.

Read **Acts 21:1 to Acts 22:21**.

In this story, not knowing what will happen, Paul continued on his journey from Ephesus to Jerusalem without doubt or hesitation. All he knew was that God wanted him to go to Jerusalem, entrusted his future to God but discerning His guidance each step of the way.

Key Questions:

- In chapter 21:1-15, what did the Apostle Paul do on the first leg of his journey? What does this teach us about the importance of having a Christian community?
- In 21:4, it says that some Christians told Paul not to go to Jerusalem, but he still went. What does this teach us about listening to people versus following the will of God?
- In chapter 21:17-26, Paul and his team arrive in Jerusalem. What was the great concern the church had regarding the arrival of Paul and his team? What was Paul's advice and action?
- In chapter 21:27 to chapter 22:1-21, we learn that Paul got arrested. How did Paul face this difficulty and how did he defend himself?
- Paul followed God's will one step and one day at a time, entrusting himself to God's care. But he never shied away from living out God's purpose for him to tell people about Jesus. How do you think did Paul know how to take advantage of every situation, whether good or bad to tell others about Jesus?

Application:

- Read Psalm 32:8. Do you think like this? What role does God play in your decisions?
- In retrospect, how do you determine if a decision you made was a good one or bad a bad one?
- We are still at the beginning of 2022, what major hurdles and challenges do you see ahead in your own life based on the decisions you've made last year? Read Proverbs 13:20. Where do you need wisdom in your life?
- While we are on this 21 Days of Prayer, what major plans do you have for 2022 that you're not sure whether they align with God's purpose or not? Are you willing to change your plans?
- Every Christian is called to make disciples. Make a goal as a group and as individuals: *How many people do we/I want to lead to Jesus this year?* Keep yourselves accountable with the goal you make.

Pray for one another.

- Lay hands on each other a pray for growth in your spiritual gift of discernment and wisdom. Find a promise from Scripture and speak it over the whole group.