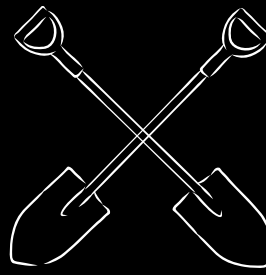


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

“The Sovereignty of God”
ACTS 15:32-41 ; 16:1-10 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

God has given us the freedom to make choices, yet His sovereignty is never limited by the decisions we make. Our free will and God’s sovereignty work simultaneously as He directs our steps, opens doors, closes doors, and accomplishes His purposes. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Jake teaches a message from Acts Chapters 15 and 16 entitled “The Sovereignty of God” that includes 4 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

God will often...

- 1) Close one door in order to open another
- 2) Prepare you before He opens a door
- 3) Close doors for our own good
- 4) Open doors to those who are in motion

We hope this message encourages you to trust God’s sovereignty, remain faithful in the choices He has given you to make, and keep moving forward as the Lord directs your steps.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)

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Text: Acts 16:9-10; Revelation 3:7-8

Cross-References: Colossians 4:2-4; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:12

Discuss: What does Scripture teach about God opening doors for His purposes? How should believers distinguish between an opportunity that is simply available and an opportunity that God is actually calling them to pursue? What role does obedience play once God opens a door?

Text: Acts 16:1-5

Cross-References: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Romans 12:2; John 17:14-18

Discuss: Paul sought to relate to his audience without compromising the truth of the gospel. What does it mean to be culturally relatable while remaining biblically faithful? Where is the line between contextualizing the gospel and compromising the gospel?

Text: Acts 16:1-5

Cross-References: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Romans 14:13-19; 1 Corinthians 10:23-24

Discuss: Timothy was circumcised even though circumcision was not required for salvation. Why does the context show that this was a ministry decision rather than a salvation requirement? What does this teach about Christian liberty and voluntarily surrendering personal freedoms for the sake of reaching others?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 16:1-10

Cross-References: Ecclesiastes 3:1; Psalm 37:7; Habakkuk 2:3

Discuss: The transcript repeatedly emphasizes that God's timing may differ from ours. Why does waiting often reveal what we actually trust? What does impatience communicate about our view of God's timing and wisdom? What are some ways people attempt to “force open” doors in their lives?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) Could God be preparing me right now for something I have been praying for? What area of my character, habits, relationships, or spiritual life might He be asking me to develop before that door opens?
- 2) What is one situation I am currently trying to control that I need to place back in God's hands? What specific act of surrender can I practice today?
- 3) When God says “no” to something I want, do I believe He is withholding something from me, or protecting and redirecting me? How can I remind myself of God's character when I don't understand His answer?

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