

## **Sacrifice & the Will of God**

Acts 21:1-16

### **Ever been stuck trying to determine God's will?**

#### **On the boat again (1-9)**

From Miletus to Caesarea

Interesting aspects of early church life

Subject to normal human realities

#### **Knowing and doing God's will (4, 10-16)**

Counsel: *don't set foot in Jerusalem*

Prophecy: trouble lies ahead (Agabus)

Paul's reply: *don't break my heart*

Result: is Paul off base?

Agonizing choice

The mystery in God's will

## **How do we know and do God's will?**

Does God's will ever contradict itself?

Sometimes God's will unfolds slowly and gradually.

3 aspects of God's will

Sovereign will =

Moral will =

Personal (individual) will =

Our response to each aspect differs

Sovereign will -

Moral will -

Personal (individual) will -

Start by doing what you know is God's moral will.

Know where to get what you know.

1 Thes 4:3; Ro 14:23

Know the vulnerabilities of your flesh (1 Pe 4:2)

When God's moral law is not at stake, freedom reigns.

## **A final challenge**