

FBC Sebring Wednesday Prayer Meeting – Pastor Matt Crawford

April 27, 2016

Prayer in the Book of Acts (Part 14)

Acts 21:1–14 (ESV)

1 And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

2 And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

3 When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo.

4 And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

5 When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed

6 and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

Prayer points:

- 1) Pray that we would honor God through Christian hospitality (verse 4; Hebrews 13:1-2).
- 2) Pray that we would listen closely to the Holy Spirit (verse 4).
- 3) Thank God for the rich fellowship and encouragement of believers (verses 5-6).
- 4) Pray that families in our church would have close, loving relationships and pray for one another (verse 6).

7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day.

8 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

9 He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.

10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

12 When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the Name of the Lord Jesus."

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

Prayer points:

- 1) Pray that we would have the courage and faith (like Paul) to follow and obey Jesus, regardless of the cost (Acts 20:24). Pray that the glory of the Name of Jesus would be our highest aim.
- 2) Pray that we would see suffering and even death in light of the glory of Jesus (Romans 8:18).
- 3) Pray that we would desire along with these believers (and with Jesus – Matthew 6:10, 26:39) that the Lord's will would be done in all circumstances.