



Paul's
journneys
Acts series



A photograph of the Jerusalem Temple Mount at dusk. The ancient stone walls and the Dome of the Rock are illuminated with warm lights. A large, white, stylized script text 'Jerusalem' is overlaid across the center of the image. The sky is a mix of blue and grey clouds.

Jerusalem

Acts 20

22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.

23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.”

A photograph of the Jerusalem Temple Mount at dusk. The ancient stone walls and the Dome of the Rock are illuminated from below, casting a warm glow. The sky is a deep blue with scattered clouds. In the foreground, a modern stone wall and some streetlights are visible. A large, white, stylized script text 'Jerusalem' is superimposed over the center of the image, with a black drop shadow.

Jerusalem



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Acts 21

17 When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. 18 The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. 19 Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.





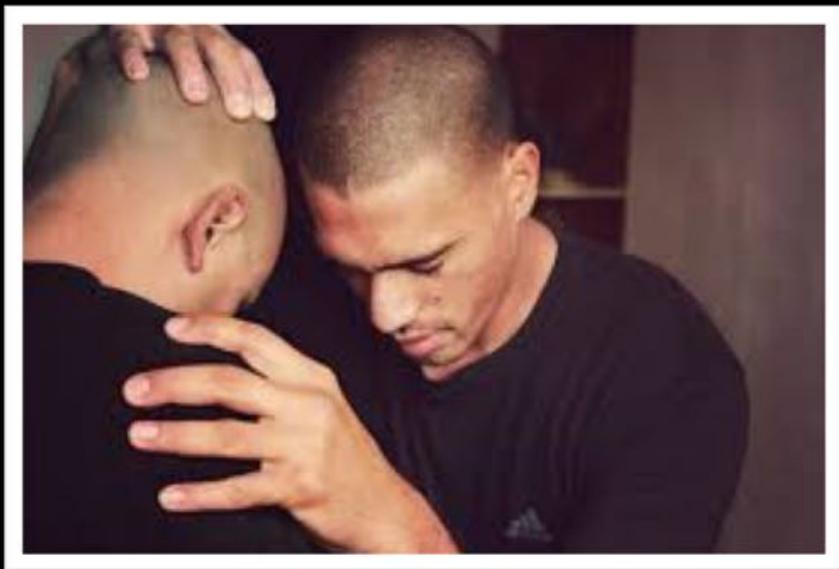




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1 Timothy







Acts 21:26 So Paul went to the Temple the next day with the other men. They had already started the purification ritual, so he publicly announced the date when their vows would end and sacrifices would be offered for each of them. 27 The seven days were almost ended when some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul in the Temple and roused a mob against him. They grabbed him, 28 yelling, “Men of Israel, help us! This is the man who preaches against our people and tells everybody to disobey the Jewish laws. He speaks against the Temple and even defiles this holy place by bringing in Gentiles.” 29 (For earlier that day they had seen him in the city with Trophimus, a Gentile from Ephesus and they assumed Paul had taken him into the Temple).

30 The whole city was rocked by these accusations, and a great riot followed. Paul was grabbed and dragged out of the Temple, and immediately the gates were closed behind him.

31 As they were trying to kill him, word reached the commander of the Roman regiment that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

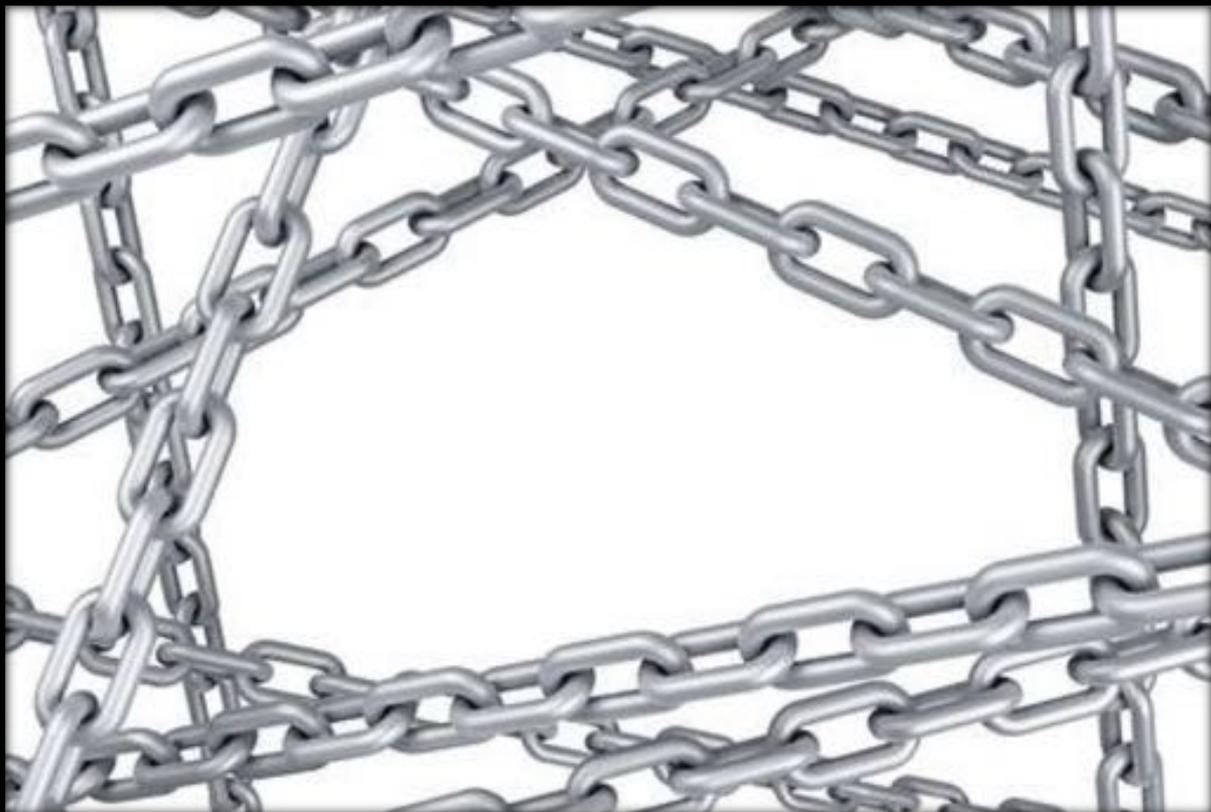
32 He immediately called out his soldiers and officers and ran down among the crowd. When the mob saw the commander and the troops coming, they stopped beating Paul.

33 Then the commander arrested him and ordered him bound with two chains. He asked the crowd who he was and what he had done.

34 Some shouted one thing and some another. Since he couldn't find out the truth in all the uproar and confusion, he ordered that Paul be taken to the fortress.

35 As Paul reached the stairs, the mob grew so violent the soldiers had to lift him to their shoulders to protect him.

**36 And the crowd followed behind, shouting,
"Kill him, kill him!"**



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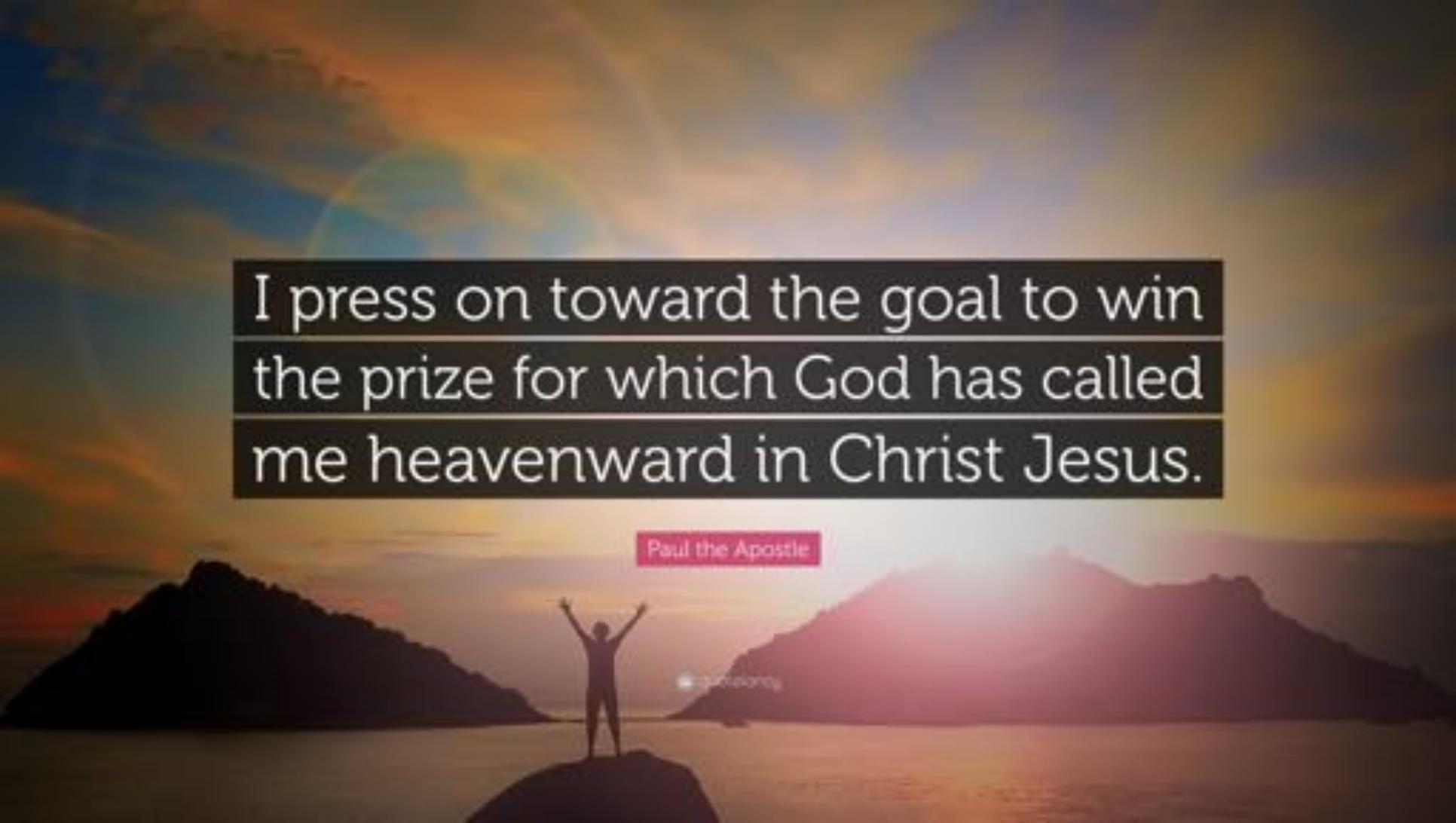
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Matthew 5:

- 11 “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.**
- 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.**

A person stands on a rock in the foreground, arms raised in a gesture of triumph or prayer. The background features a sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with silhouettes of mountains and a faint rainbow in the sky. The overall mood is one of hope and achievement.

I press on toward the goal to win
the prize for which God has called
me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Paul the Apostle

Quotely





FACT

Acts 22:1 “Brothers and esteemed fathers,” Paul said, “listen to me as I offer my defense”. 2 When they heard him speaking in their own language, the silence was even greater. 3 Then Paul said, “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. As his student, I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs. I became very zealous to honor God in everything I did, just like all of you today. 4 And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison. 5 The high priest and the whole council of elders can testify that this is so. For I received letters from them to our Jewish brothers in Damascus, authorizing me to bring the followers of the Way from there to Jerusalem, in chains, to be punished.

6 “As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me.

7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me’?

8 “‘Who are you, lord?’ I asked”, And the voice replied, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, the one you are persecuting’.

9 The people with me saw the light but didn’t understand the voice speaking to me.

10 “I asked, ‘What should I do, Lord’”? And the Lord told me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything you are to do.’

11 “I was blinded by the intense light and had to be led by the hand to Damascus by my companions.

12 A man named Ananias lived there. He was a godly man, deeply devoted to the law, and well regarded by all the Jews of Damascus.

13 He came and stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, regain your sight.’ And that very moment I could see him!¹⁴ “Then he told me, ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and hear him speak.

15 For you are to be his witness, telling everyone what you have seen and heard. 16 What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’

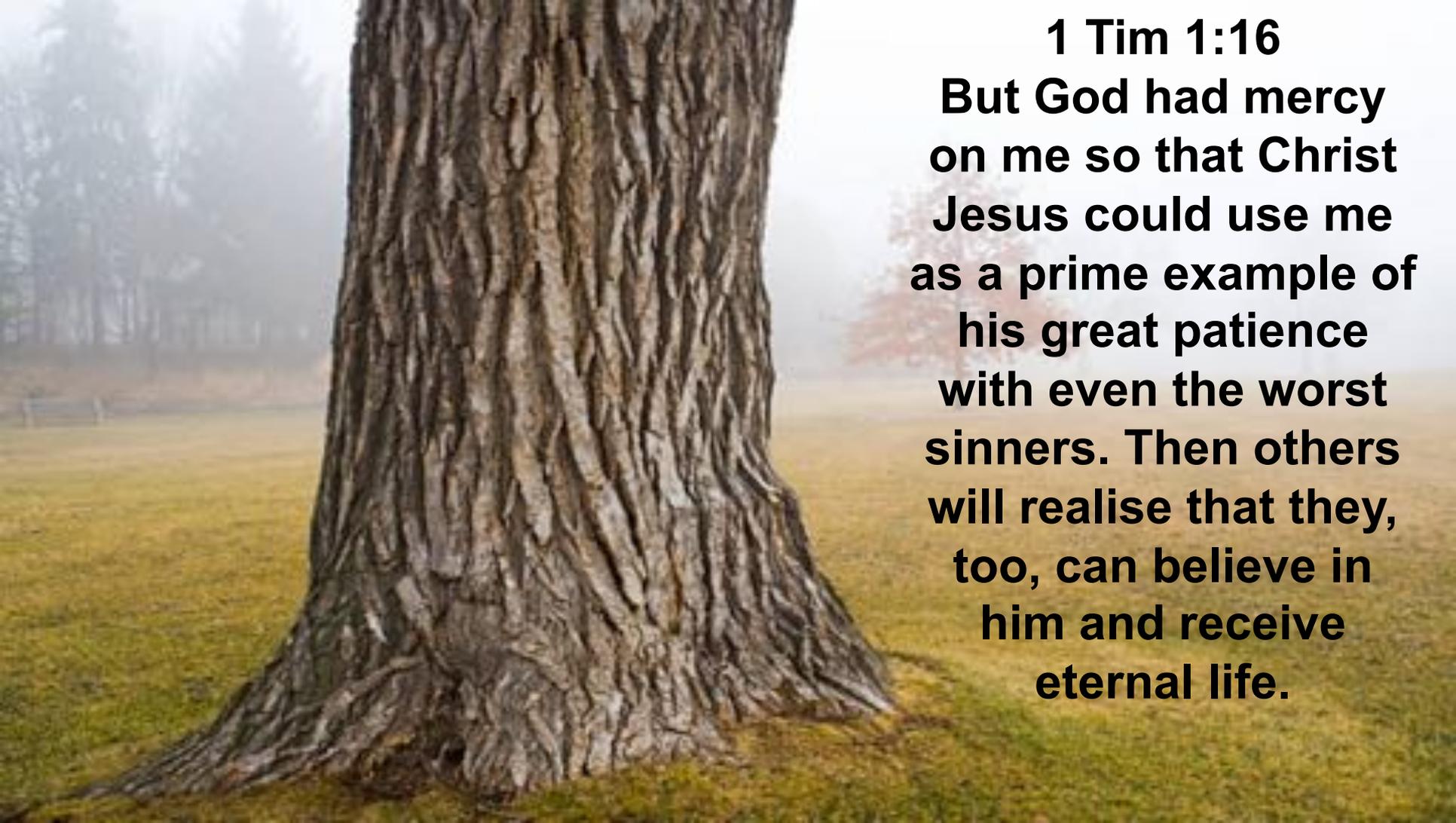
17 “After I returned to Jerusalem, I was praying in the Temple and fell into a trance.

18 I saw a vision of Jesus saying to me, ‘Hurry! Leave Jerusalem, for the people here won’t accept your testimony about me.’

19 “‘But Lord,’ I argued, ‘they certainly know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you.

20 And I was in complete agreement when your witness Stephen was killed. I stood by and kept the coats they took off when they stoned him.’

21 “But the Lord said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles!’”



1 Tim 1:16

But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realise that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.



AS FOR ME AND
MY HOUSE,

WE WILL
Serve
THE LORD.

-Joshua 24:15-



Philippians 1
Paul and Timothy,
both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus

There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

A blue-tinted photograph of a lake with a canoe and a striped paddle in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

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