

Acts 21:27-40

***-When Everything Seems to Be
Going Wrong, God Isn't***

**-Non-believing Jews and
pagan Rome**

-“No foreigner may enter within the barricade which surrounds the temple and enclosure. Anyone who is caught trespassing will bear personal responsibility for his ensuing death.”

-“It is always easier to rouse men to fight for their ‘religion’ than to live by it.”

**-Acts 24:18-19 (ESV) 18 ...But
some Jews from Asia-- 19 they
ought to be here before you
and to make an accusation,
should they have anything
against me.**

-Now as to the tower of Antonia, it was situated at the corner of two cloisters of the court of the temple; of that on the west, and that on the north; ... erected upon a rock of fifty cubits in height, ... the rock itself was covered over with smooth pieces of stone, ... that any one who would either try to get up or to go down it might not be able to hold his feet upon it. ...there was a wall three cubits high; but within that wall all the space of the tower of Antonia ...to the height of forty cubits. ... such as courts, and places for bathing, and broad spaces for camps; ... the entire structure resembled that of a tower, it contained also four other distinct towers at its four corners; whereof the others were but fifty cubits high; whereas that which lay upon the southeast corner was seventy cubits high, that from thence the whole temple might be viewed; ... for the temple was a fortress that guarded the city, as was the tower of Antonia a guard to the temple...

-Philippians 3:8-10 (ESV) 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

-2 Timothy 2:14 (ESV) Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

-2 Timothy 2:23-26 (ESV) 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

-2 Timothy 2:13 (ESV) if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself.