

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

Naturally Supernatural

Read Acts 21:1-6 ESV, 2 Corinthians 3:18

Context: Sometimes it's hard to discern the *will* of the Spirit from what the Spirit is simply warning us. Here we see that there were believers who were telling Paul what was going to happen to him. Because it was bad news, they were telling him not to go. But Paul knew that the Spirit was giving him fair warning about what was going to happen, but still wanted Paul to continue on course. We are called to follow Jesus through discomfort, through pain, through hardships and loss. That's how He leads us into glory.

This is a link to [Paul's trip](#) in Acts 21. If you want to see the info laid out in timeline format, click on [See in TimeGlider](#) under the map.

Reflection Question: How can you continue on the course God has laid out for you when the Spirit is warning you that it will be difficult? What can you do to try and figure out when the Spirit is warning you to give you a head's up of what is to come, and when He's warning you not to go a certain way, or do a certain thing?

Read Acts 21:7-14 ESV

Context: Throughout scripture prophecy has been used to let the people know the will of God. This is one spiritual gift out of many. Here we see the gift across multiple people for different purposes. While we aren't told what Phillip's daughters prophesied, we are told that Agabus told Paul what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem. These people had the courage to use their gifting, even when it wasn't good news and it may have been received poorly.

Reflection Question: How can you choose to use your spiritual gifts even when it's hard? What steps can you use to find out what your gift/s may be? Who is someone you know would give you good feedback about this?

Read Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 1 Peter 4:10

Context: Spiritual gifts are tools that God still gives us today that will help to build up the body of Christ if we have the courage and confidence to use them. How we use our gifts contributes to how others can receive the benefits of those gifts. In all these giftings, God is using them for His glory and pursuit of the hearts of people.

Reflection Question: Who can benefit from your spiritual gift this week? What would this look like practically? Who can you encourage? Who can you serve? Who can you lead? Who can you show mercy to?

Read Galatians 3:5, James 5:14-15

Context: Using our gifts requires faith. Faith is what God uses to move the mountains in our lives that are blocking our way to Him. It takes a small amount of faith for God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of those around us. God is not a genie, however, and will answer our prayers in His time and in His way. So in your faith-filled prayers, be expectant for God to move, but don't expect Him to do it your way.

Reflection Question: How can you be expectant for God to heal without falling into disappointment if He doesn't heal in your time, or the way you thought? What do you think is the connection between physical healing and sin in our lives? Why is it hard to know when they are connected and when they are in no way connected?

Read 1 Timothy 1:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

Context: Part of how we do spiritual battle is by holding fast to the gifts God has given us and using those gifts for His glory. The enemy will try and make you forget the words spoken over you, or into you. He will try and deplete your confidence and lie to you and tell you that God couldn't possibly use you. This is a way for him to keep you from strengthening those around you with your gift/s. Don't let him! Hold fast to what is good and serve God by using the tools He's given you.

Reflection Question: What lies does the enemy keep telling you to keep you from using your gift/s? Why is it easy for you to believe these lies? Who can you ask to hold you accountable to use your gifts for God's kingdom and glory this week?

End in prayer. Encourage each other to use the gifts God has richly given you.