

TRUST THE PROCESS
Divine Direction – Part 3
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**The decisions that you make today determines
the stories that you will tell tomorrow.**

Acts 20:22-24 (NIV) *“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. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”*

In God’s Process...

1. The Spirit will prompt you.

Acts 20:22a (NIV) *“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem...”*

2. You will certainly have uncertainty.

Acts 20:22b (NIV) *“I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.”*

Psalms 119:105 (NLT) *“Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”*

Hebrews 11:6a (NIV) *“And without faith it is impossible to please God.”*

3. There will be predictable resistance.

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If you are not ready to face opposition for your obedience to God, you're not ready to be used by God.

Resistance is often a sign that you're doing exactly what God called you to do.

Galatians 1:15-23 (NIV) *“But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. ¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord’s brother. ²⁰ I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹ Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²² I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only heard the report: ‘The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.’ ”*

God is doing something in you because

He wants to do something through you.

4. You will have uncommon confidence.

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Paul’s only goal was to serve Jesus wholeheartedly exactly where he was.

**We don't have to plan the future.
We just have to be obedient to the next step today.**