

SHIFT



PAUL - SHIFTING, FAITH, AND TENACITY

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Things don't always go as planned. Don't give up.

■ Acts 28; Romans 1:8-15; 15:23-33

When you want something so bad...

■ Romans 1:8-15

- Paul wanted to get to Rome.

...but it just seems to never happen.

■ Romans 1:8-15

- He tried many times to get there, but it just never seemed to work out.

Don't give up.

■ Romans 15:23-33; Acts 28

- When you get to the end of Romans, you see that the time had finally worked out for Paul to get to Rome. But it was years later than he had wanted and after many attempts. See Acts 27-28 for more.

What about you?

- What is it that you've been dreaming about or struggling with?
- How close are you to giving up?
- You're not alone in the struggle to pursue a dream.
- Don't give up. Galatians 6:9.

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Here are some things to consider at home this week. Try them on your own or with those who are with you.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Galatians 6:9 - read it, ponder it, ask the Spirit to teach you through it.

A DAILY PRAYER:

"Good God, thank you that this life is not a random roll of the dice, but is watched over by your favour and fatherly care. That's easy to confess when the wind is at my back and the sun is on my face; give me the same trust in your will when the circumstances of life turn tragic and are tearstained. Let me understand that even then I am kept by you. In Christ's name, Amen."

CONSIDER THIS (FOR CONVERSATION IF HELPFUL):

1. The Apostle Paul had to wait for years, before he realized his dream of going to Rome. He struggled immensely in that wait. What comfort does this give you in your struggle and waiting for a desired reality?
2. Sometimes what we hope for never materializes. How can we still have hope knowing that it might not work out? Read Hebrews 11:32-40 to gain more perspective on this possibility.
3. Read Galatians 6:7-10. This gives a fuller context to verse 9. What is it you are trying to achieve? How well does it align with what God might want for you in seeking justice for others and doing good to them? How might this change your view on what you're trying to achieve?

**Give
it a try!**

Sit down and discuss with someone about your dream or struggle. Invite them to ask the tough questions about your dream or struggle. Be open to receiving guidance or suggestions from them. Pray together for clarity, courage, tenacity and faith regarding this dream or struggle.



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