

**I Shall Not Be Moved**  
**Acts 20:22-24**  
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Thesis: I want to show the determination we must have as followers of Christ.

- Intro:
1. As Christians you ought to be determined to carry on regardless of what difficulties may hinder us in doing God's will.
  2. The question that we must answer is-are will moved to the idea of becoming unfaithful or giving up in the face of challenges and great difficulties?

**I. Acts 20:22-23**

A. Paul was being sent to Jerusalem to continue God's work.

1. Paul was not unfamiliar with traveling to locations where people would reject the message
2. **Acts 14:19-20** at Lystra, **Acts 16:23** - The beating at Philippi; and much more – **2 Corinthians 11:23**.

B. This next journey would not be any different.

1. All he knew was that danger awaited him. Paul was bound by the spirit meaning this was the will of God that he go to Jerusalem and preach the gospel (**Acts 20:22**).
2. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that difficulties awaited him in every city and the same would be waiting for him in Jerusalem (**v.23**).

**II. Paul's response to the difficult life he was leading**

A. **Acts 20:24a**

1. None of these things - a reference to the pain and difficulties he had suffered or would suffer. (**2 Corinthians 11:23-27**)
2. Move me – **Move** in the sense that they do not worry him. Or they are not enough to move him away from Christ – that is to become unfaithful. (Take special notice of **2 Corinthians 11:28**.)

B. **Acts 20:24b**

1. nor do I count my life dear to myself, - Paul was not a man who was afraid of death (**Philippians 1:19-23**)
2. so that I may finish my race with joy – Paul was determined to finished what he had started (**2 Timothy 4:7-8**).

C. **Acts 20:24c**

1. and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus – The task assigned to Paul was given to him by Christ (**Acts 9:15-16; Acts 20:23**).
2. to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. – Paul's mission was to preach the gospel message and to testify that Christ was and is the Son of God (**Eph 3:8-11**).

**III. Are you easily "moved"? (Psalm 16:8, 62:2)**

1. We don't yet face the same dangers as Paul.
2. However we can be easily moved by many other hardships and temptations.
  - a. Pressure from friends/family

- b. Pressure in the work place
- c. Pressure in the education system

- Conc:
- 1. If we are to gain eternal life we cannot be easily moved (**Eph 4:14**).
  - 2. Are you a tree? (Lisa Illustration – **Matthew 7:24-27**).
  - 3. Full Invitation