



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

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| Scripture:         | Acts 21  | Title: | The Lord's Will be Done |
| Author             | Ps Jadene Ng   |        |                         |
| Summary of Chapter | This passage is about the apostle Paul's journey to Jerusalem, facing certain persecution and imprisonment, as prophesied by Agabus. The believers were so concerned for him that they even tried to stop him but Paul was undeterred. |        |                         |

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| Key Verse(s) NLT   | How does it speak to me?   |
| <p><i>13 But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus."</i></p> <p><i>14 When it was clear that we couldn't persuade him, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."</i></p> | <p>Often when we are called to do something for God, not many people can fully understand it, even or especially those close to us. Years ago, when my cousin who is a pre-believer heard that I was going to serve and work in church, she asked if I was being abnormal or if I was joining a cult group because it looked like I was giving away a normal life. I shared with her my testimony of how God had changed my life and now I would like others to experience that too. She did not quite understand what I was saying. Ronnie and I just pressed on to obey God's calling for our lives. About two years back, her father suddenly and tragically passed away in an accident. We went to help her and to pray with the family. To our surprise, she asked us to help to conduct the funeral. We were able to share a simple testimony at the service.</p> <p>In many parts of the world, our brothers and sisters in Christ often have to go through dangers and suffering for the sake of the Gospel. How can we fully empathise with their situation? Like Paul's church family, maybe we can learn to cry and kneel and pray for those who have to take such a drastic stand for their faith in Jesus Christ. Some of our church friends may also have to bear with misunderstanding and unkind behaviour from their friends and families for becoming Christians or for going to church. Let's ask the Lord to give us that heart of compassion and that spirit of prayer to stand in the gap, and to stand in unity with believers around us and around the world.</p> <p>When God takes us to a difficult place, let us choose to not hold back but press on for He will walk with us. He will use us through that difficult situation to help others. If we have friends or family members called by God to do what we cannot fully understand, let us stand with them and pray alongside them. Let us say with them, <i>The Lord's will be done!</i></p> |

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

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| Adult: | Has God asked you to do something for you that you struggle with? Take some time to pray for submission to surrender to His will and perseverance and strength to fulfil it. |
| Youth: | Do you have a church friend who has to bear with misunderstanding for becoming a Christian or for going to church? Think of one way to encourage that person.                |
| Child: | Pray with your parents for one missionary or for Christians who are suffering in another country.  |

### PRAYER

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| Praying Scripture:   | Thank You God that when You call us to all kinds of situations for Your glory, You are with us, You will strengthen us and You will help us through each tough time. Enable us to press on. Help us also to stand together in prayer, in tears and in unity with our brothers and sisters who have to face the most painful and difficult trials for You. Let Your will be done. |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)   |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)  |
| Salvation Prayer:    | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day).<br>In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.  |