

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of Sept 27, 2020**  
***Here Comes the Church!***  
**Part 18: The Buffeting of the Church, Acts 21:10 - 23:12**

As we continue to follow up our celebration of the birth of the Church on Pentecost Sunday, we look at how the early church lived out their faith based on being filled with the Spirit. What does that mean for the church today?

**TODAY'S TRUTH** The Holy Spirit came upon the original followers of Jesus Christ at Pentecost, solidifying them and empowering them as His people, His Church. **However, there will be times when friends will discourage us, and the crowd will overwhelm us. Know this, that God still supports us!**

**1. WHEN FRIENDS AREN'T SUPPORTIVE**

**Acts 21:13** *"Then Paul answered, 'What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart?'..."*

- *Putting Emotions over Obedience – Proverbs 3: 5-6, 2 Cor. 6:12*
- *Persuasion or Observance? – Galatians 5: 7-10*

**2. WHEN FAITHFULNESS BRINGS SUFFERING**

**Acts 21:27** *"Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him,..."*

- *Obedying Properly – 1 Peter 4: 10,12*
- *Offering Perspective -1 Peter 3: 14-15*

**BUT LORD,**

- *"These are my friends," or "these are church people."*
- *"I've done everything that You said."*
- *"It's Christmas, or it's my Birthday."*
- *"How can they say those things against me?"*
- *"Am I really supposed to witness to my boss?"*

**3. WHEN THE FATHER BRINGS SUPPORT**

**Acts 23:11** *"But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, 'Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.'"*

- *Reassurance – Ex. 14:14, Heb. 6:19*
- *Rescue – Isaiah 46: 3-4*

**CONCLUSION**

*The Apostle Paul knew what it meant to be "hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; ...perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –" (2 Corinthians 4: 8-9). Can we like Paul work past discouragement (even from those who love us) and destructive attacks, "not losing heart" ...by "looking at the things that are unseen...which are eternal."*