

TITUS: Courageous Amid Conflict **Galatians 2:1-5**

Tonight we'll consider courageous Titus.

I. HIS MANNER AT JERUSALEM - Galatians 2:1-5

- Determination amid pressure

A. THE SITUATION (1-2)

1. An Antioch Delegation (1)

- See Acts 15:1-2

2. A Missionary Presentation (2)

- Paul brought with him Titus as "exhibit-A"

B. THE PRESSURE (3-4)

1. Some sought to compel Titus to be circumcised

2. Titus refused their coercion

C. THE SIGNIFICANCE (5)

1. The essence of the gospel was at stake

2. The mission to non-Jews was at stake

II. HIS MINISTRY WITH CORINTH - II Corinthians 7-9

- Dealing with delicate issues

A. ENCOURAGING REPENTANCE - II Cor. 7:5-16

1. Titus' Confrontation (8-12)

- It was his unenviable job to defend the preacher who had offended the people!

2. Paul's Consternation (5)

- See II Cor. 2:12-13 also

3. Paul's Comfort (6-7)

4. Titus' Comradery (13-16)

B. ADDRESSING APATHY - II Cor. 8-9

1. Titus' Mission - II Cor. 8:6, 23 and 9:2

- Titus had been sent to jump-start the stalled relief collection

2. Titus' Mandate

- In affect: "Ok, I'm here to collect what you promised you would give but haven't"

3. Titus' Mindset - II Cor. 8:16-17

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III. HIS MISSION ON CRETE - Titus 1-3

- Assisting a disorganized church

A. ESTABLISHING LEADERSHIP - Chapter 1

1. Directing the process (1:5)
2. Supplying the qualifications (6-9)
3. Identifying the unqualified (10-16)

B. PROVIDING INSTRUCTION - Chapters 2 & 3

1. Teaching sound doctrine to new converts (2:1-10)
2. Inspiring godliness in light of Christ's return (2:11-15)
3. Requiring their submission to authority (3:1-7)
4. Encouraging their participation in good works (3:8-14)

CONCLUSION:

Titus is a courageous man, capable of dealing with conflict

- Paul needed pals like that
- We need pastors like that
- We need to be people like that

May God give us a righteous boldness!

The wicked flee when no one is pursuing,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- Proverbs 28:1