

STEPPING OUT IN TAKING RISKS FOR GOD

A Study of the Call and Risk-taking Service of the Apostle Paul

I. THE CALL THAT PAUL ANSWERED (ACTS 13:1-3)

A. His call required _____.

- He was willing, Spirit-filled, talented, and well-educated.

B. His call required _____.

- Application: The biggest reason why not many are answering the call to step out into a life of ministering the Word is because people aren't seeking, praying, listening, or ready to hear the _____ of God.

C. His call required _____ (Lk. 9:62).

- They were holy men ready to be used.
- They were chosen men called to _____ their lives to God's work.

D. His call required _____.

- Application: If you believe you have been called to separate your life to the ministry of Word, that call must be recognized by the local _____ of Christ.

II. THE _____ THAT PAUL TOOK

- Acts 15:26, " _____ " = he put his life into the balance for the sake of Christ and to preach the gospel to the lost.
- **1st missionary journey**: _____ to death.
- **2nd missionary journey**: beaten with _____ and cast into prison.
- **After 3rd missionary journey in Jerusalem**: beaten, arrested, imprisoned.
- **Journey to Rome**: _____, imprisoned again in Rome.
- **Unknown time**: wrestled with wild _____ in Ephesus

III. THE SUFFERINGS THAT PAUL EXPERIENCED (2 COR. 11:22-28)

IV. THE _____ THAT PAUL OVERCAME

- His own nation.
- _____ officials.
- Unbelieving Jews and Gentiles alike.
- Enraged mobs.
- Angry tradesmen.
- A demon-possessed girl.
- A sorcerer.
- _____ teachers.
- People he had won to Christ in churches he had started.
- Some of his closest _____.

V. THE _____ THAT PAUL EXEMPLIFIED (2 COR 4:7-12, 16-18)

- Paul had troubles, but he wasn't distressed or in _____.
- Three secrets of Paul's joy in serving Jesus:
 - A. His sufferings were for the _____ of God's people (Vs. 12, Philip. 2:17, 4:4).**
 - B. He had a secret store of supernatural _____ (Vs. 16, Philip. 4:13).**
 - C. He saw by faith what the _____ would be (Vs. 17-18, Philip. 3:13-14).**
- Application: Taking risks for God in this world isn't about this world but the world to come.

VI. THE VICTORY THAT PAUL _____ (2 TIM. 4:6-8)

CONCLUSION

- Three applications:
 - 1. To risk-taking in a life _____ to the calling of ministering the Word.**
 - 2. To risk-taking in our _____ for Christ.**
 - 3. To risk-taking in any new form of _____ for Christ.**