

When Things Don't Go as Planned

Romans 15:25-33

(series #95)

Introduction: the story of Joseph and the story of Squanto

I. Paul's plan to go to Jerusalem vv. 25-27

- A. "to minister to the saints" - Jewish Christians in need
- B. His ministry was delivering a love-gift from the Gentiles
- C. His goal was to cement the fragile relationship

II. Paul's plan to go to Spain via Rome vv. 28-29

- A. - What actually happened? - Acts 21:27-31
 - 1. The inaccurate accusations vv. 27-28
 - a. They twisted what Paul had said
 - b. They made a completely false accusation
 - c. The lesson for us: the power of the tongue
(1) - James 3:5-8
 - 2. The inaccurate assumption v. 29
 - 3. The attempt to kill Paul vv. 30-31

III. Paul's request for prayer vv. 30-32

- A. He asked them to strive with him in their prayers
- B. He asked to be delivered from the unbelieving Jews
- C. He asked that his service be acceptable to believing Jews
- D. He asked to come to them with joy

IV. Paul's reliance on the God of peace v. 33

- A. - Proverbs 16:9, 3:5-6