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
      1. The inaccurate accusations vv. 27-28
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         b. They made a completely false accusation
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            (1) - James 3:5-8
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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