

Your
Kingdom
Come



Luke Acts

A single story!







Acts 28: 16-31 page 1124 in SRC Bibles

16 When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.




17 Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans.



18 They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. 19 The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people. 20 For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.”

21 They replied, “We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. 22 But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect.”



23 They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. 24 Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe.

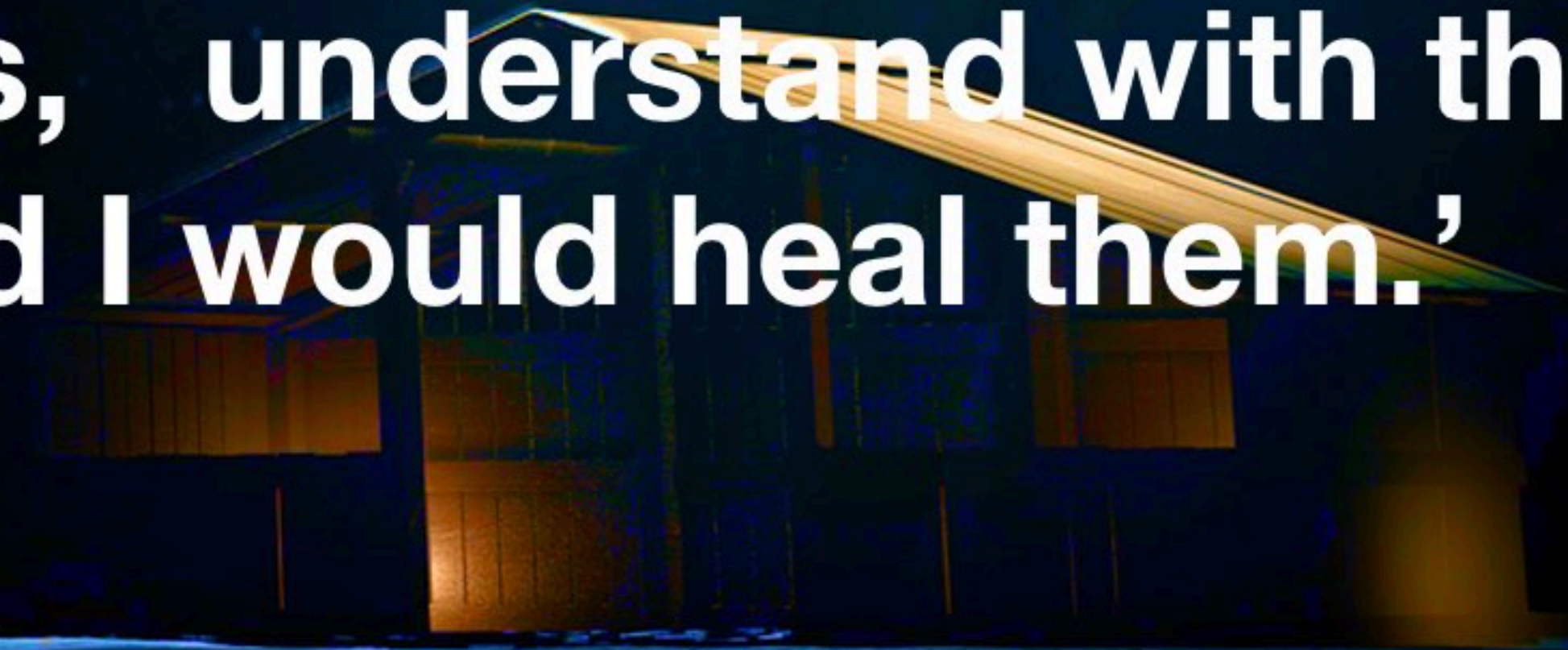
25 They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

26 ““Go to this people and say,

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”



**27 For this people's heart has become
calloused; they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise
they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears, understand with their
hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'**



28 “Therefore I want you to know that God’s salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!”



30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. 31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!



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“Unhindered”



Unhindered.....REALLY?

Paul under house arrest – 2 years



Unhindered.....REALLY?

Paul under house arrest

Jewish leaders resistant



Unhindered.....REALLY?

Paul under house arrest

Jewish leaders resistant

Nero massacring Christians



Unhindered.....wide open world!

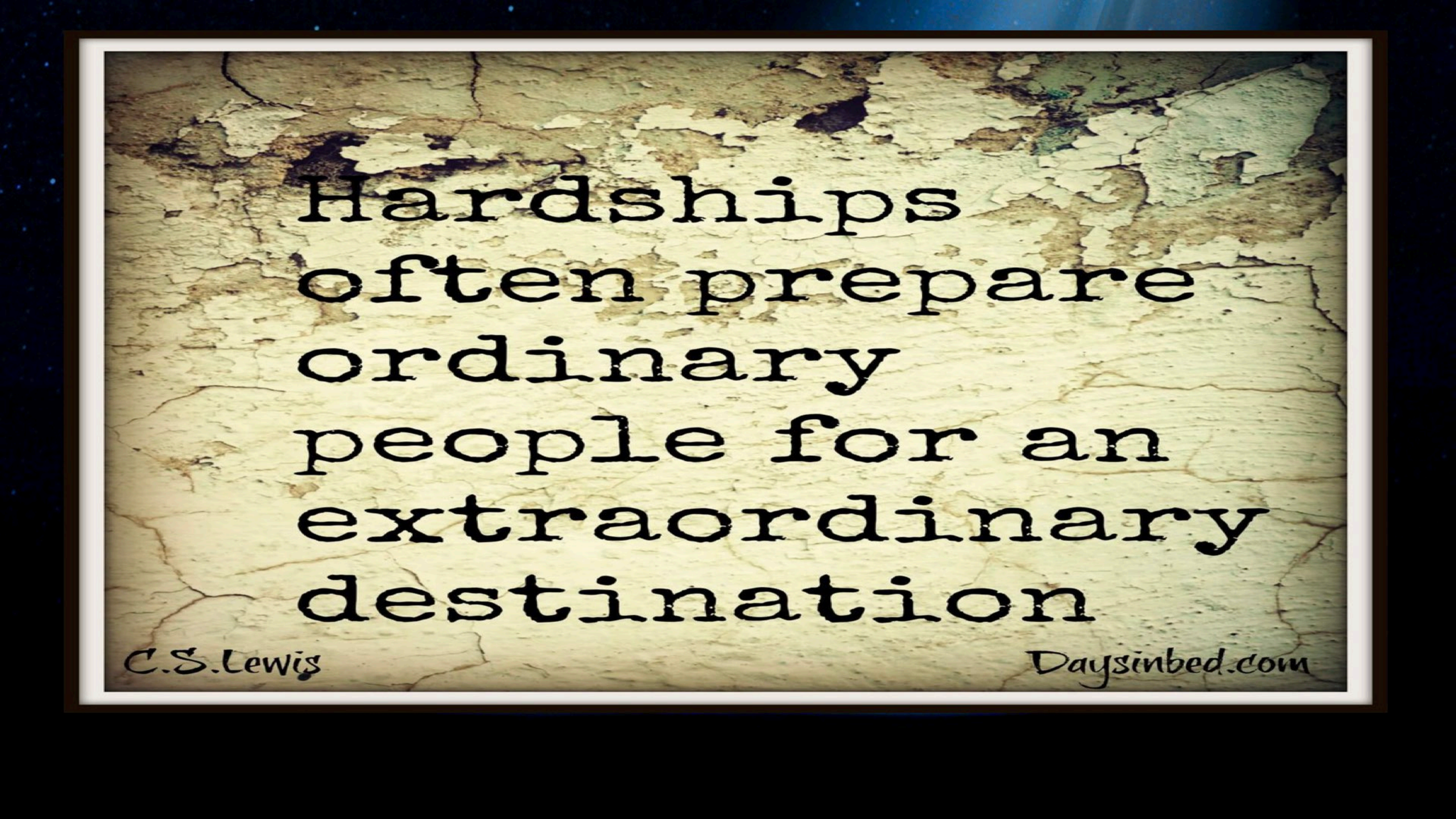
Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses.....



Paul and Luke are students in the means of grace----the way the Spirit works salvation and forms the community.

Nothing that happens qualifies as a hindrance. God is using everything to magnify and spread his message.



The image features a quote by C.S. Lewis set against a background of aged, yellowed, and cracked paper. The text is written in a black, typewriter-style font. The quote is: "Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destination".

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The Word of God

“For the word of God is alive and active...”



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Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”



Unhindered Living Rooted In:

The ever presence of the Holy Spirit

**“For those who are led by the Spirit of God
are the children of God.”**



After we believe in God as Creator and as Redeemer the most important thing to embrace in the Christian life is that we become willing participants not only in what God does, but in the way he does it.



How Things Get Done --- In the World

Power Money Pride

Information Technology

Lust Greed

Anger



How Things Get Done --- In the Kingdom of God

Humility Giving Grace

Resurrection Power Prayer

Selfless Love Peace

Obedience



Paul learned to live by the means of the Spirit in contrast to the means of the world.

“ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. “ Philipians 4:11





NOT THAT I AM SPEAKING OF BEING IN NEED,
FOR I HAVE LEARNED IN WHATEVER SITUATION

I am to be content.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11



“Learning to live as the community of Christ is largely a matter of becoming familiar with the disciplines to the means by which the Father, Son and Holy Spirit work formationally among us: namely , by the Holy Spirit from God’s side and prayerful obedience from ours,



by hospitably including the unwanted outsiders of the world into the community and by cultivating a detachment from the world's insiders and their ways as often exemplified by leaders and celebrities.”

Eugene Peterson



Unhindered:

Content and relaxed, practiced and discerning in living the Jesus life in the Jesus way.



UNHINDERED!

A Study of the Book of Acts



We Are Acts 29

The Story Continues...

The Unhindered Church

