“S” or “s”?
When Mature Believers Disagree
Acts 21
November 21/22, 2026

Now I make known to you, brothers and sisters, the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NASB)

Acts 1-2: AD 30
Paul was in Ephesus (Acts 19) _____
Paul purposed in the Spirit (pneuma) *to go to Jerusalem...*
- Acts 19:21 (NASU, NLT, ESV, NKJV)
Paul purposed in the spirit (pneuma)... *- Acts 19:21 (KJV, NAS, ASV)*
Paul decided (pneuma) *to go to Jerusalem... - Acts 19:21 (NIV, NCV)*

_____ **Paul comes back by Ephesus** (Acts 20:18-38)
“...bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem...”
- Acts 20:22 (NASU)
And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit… - Acts 20:22 (KJV)
“...compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem...” - Acts 20:22 (NIV)

(vv.1-4)
...not to go up to Jerusalem was a human interpretation of the Holy Spirit prophecy of the danger that awaited Paul. Otherwise it is difficult to see why Paul would have gone against the Holy Spirit’s direction- unless he was in direct rebellion, which some commentators believe is so. (Guzik)

Paul meets Philip (vv.8-9)

Agabus doesn’t say, “_____.” He says this is what is going to happen _____ Paul goes (v.11)

All agreed they had received a word from God, but _____ on the _____

Luke and others believed God was clearly saying, “_____”

Paul believed that the warnings from the Holy Spirit weren’t to _____ him, but _____ him

Paul was bringing a gift to the Jerusalem Church
When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me. - 1 Corinthians 16:3-4 (NASB95)

How Mature Believers Handle Disagreements:
The disagreement wasn’t over _____, but over _____ of The Holy Spirit

Share my _____ (v.12)
When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. - Acts 21:12 (NASB)

Listen to _____ (v.13)
Then Paul replied, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” - Acts 21:13 (NASB)

Decide to let God _____ (v.14)
And since he would not be persuaded, we became quiet remarking, “The will of the Lord be done!” - Acts 21:14 (NASB))

Choose to _____ in the _____ (v.15)
After this we got ready and went up to Jerusalem... - Acts 21:15 (CSB)