

Surrendering Every Situation unto Him

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ACTS 19:30-36 NKJV – (30) And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. (31) Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater. (32) Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together. (33) And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander motioned with his hand and wanted to make his defense to the people. (34) But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!” (35) And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: “Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Zeus? (36) Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.

In **Acts 19**, the population of the Ephesus was stirred up by **godless** protestors who railed against the Christians. A large crowd gathered in the open-air theater and began shouting on behalf of their false god. This went on for two hours until the mayor (or city clerk) showed up to quiet the crowd. The man told them: “You ought to calm down and not do anything rash”

God can keep us calm amid the dangers. Sometimes we’re caught in plagues and pandemics that sweep over our land, and other times we’re caught in problems and confusions that are targeted exclusively at us. But we must go about doing our duty, serving the Lord, whose calming presence gives us strength.

Live in the calm. Choose to live in a **no-fear state of mind**. Learn what the Bible says about calmness; actively worship when you’re tempted to worry; claim God’s calming verses; change the way you think one incident at a time; and surrender every situation to Him.

Remember, when you are in Christ, it is well, it is well with your soul.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 23:26

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We must surrender ourselves to God, not our assignments.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”