

Believers Together: Discovering the Word – November 23, 2022

Paul's Plan to Visit Rome—Romans 15:23–33

Topics: Ambition, Generosity, Gifts, Help, Mission, Plans, Serving

Open It

1. How do you react when your travel plans are delayed or canceled?
2. If a friend had \$10,000 to donate to charity and asked you for advice, what worthy causes would you recommend?

Romans 15:23–33 (ESV)

23 But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,

24 I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

25 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

28 When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.

29 I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,

31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.

33 May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Explore It

3. Why was Paul planning to visit Rome? (15:23–25)
4. What was Paul taking to Jerusalem? (15:26)
5. What had the Jews done for the Gentiles? (15:27)
6. How did Paul explain why Gentiles should give financial assistance to Jews in Jerusalem? (15:27)
7. What would Paul bring with him when he visited Rome? (15:29)
8. For what did Paul ask the people to pray? (15:30–32)
9. With what benediction did Paul close his request? (15:33)

Get It

10. How should we react when our plans to serve God are hindered?
11. How can we help fellow believers and missionaries?

Apply It

12. What sacrifice can you make this week to help another believer who is struggling with a burden?