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Sermon Outline

“God’s Wisdom in a Volatile World”  
*Acts 22:22-29*

**The volatile scene**

1. A mob’s angry response to the good news being extended to the Gentiles (vv. 22-24)
2. A disciple’s humble and wise pursuit of just treatment in order that he may advance the Gospel (vv. 25-29)

**The vital lesson**

1. As we seek to carry out God’s mission, we need utter dependence upon him and divine wisdom from him in order to discern when to faithfully endure suffering or rightly challenge that which is wrong.

God’s wisdom practically applied:

* Paul delays his appeal for justice until after being flogged. (Acts 16:23, 37)
* Paul determines to face even death in Jerusalem to serve Jesus. (Acts 21:13)
* Paul defines the God-given role of government to reward good and punish wrong. (Romans 13:4-5)
* Paul directs us to live faithfully before God by doing good for his glory always. (Col. 3:17)
* Paul defends enduring being wronged if it means we avoid doing wrong. (1 Cor. 6:7)