

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

# CONSTRAINED BY THE SPIRIT GOING WHERE GOD LEADS

ACTS 20:22-24

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Sunday Worship, SSMC

**“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth:  
it is to your advantage that I go away,  
for if I do not go away, the Helper  
will not come to you. But if I go,  
I will send Him to you.” (John 16:7)**

<sup>4</sup> “And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, ‘you heard from Me; ..  
<sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

‘<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’” (Acts 1:4-5, 8)

“And awe came upon every soul,  
and many wonders and signs were being  
done through the apostles.” (Acts 2:43)

<sup>1</sup> “And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

<sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

<sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.” (Acts 8:1-3)

<sup>21</sup> “On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!”

<sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

**But the word of God increased and multiplied.”**

(Acts 12:21-24)

<sup>1</sup> “Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution...

<sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose **Stephen**, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and **Philip**, and **Prochorus**, and **Nicanor**, and **Timon**, and **Parmenas**, and **Nicolaus**, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.” (Acts 6:1-6)



“For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements ...” (Acts 15:28).

44 “While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 and the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.”  
(Acts 10: 44-45)

‘While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”’  
(Acts 13:2)

<sup>6</sup> “And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

<sup>8</sup> So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.

<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, **‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’**”

(Acts 16:6-9)

<sup>22</sup> “And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.

<sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”  
(Acts 20:22-24)

<sup>11</sup> ‘And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, “Thus says the Holy Spirit, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’” <sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”” (Acts 21:11-13)

<sup>30</sup> “He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him,  
<sup>31</sup> proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.”

(Acts 28:30-31)

**QUO VADIS**

**"Where are you going?"**