



#39 - CONTINUING RESOLUTION - PART 2

ACTS IMPACT MUST BE CONTINUED, SO I RESOLVE THAT...

1. I WILL _____.

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews^[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." Acts 6:1-4 NIV

• This "responsibility," requires someone _____.

Take the teachings that you heard me proclaim in the presence of many witnesses, and entrust them to reliable people, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2 GNT

... Moses took his place to judge the people. People were standing before him all day long, from morning to night.¹⁴ When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What's going on here? Why are you doing all this, and all by yourself, letting everybody line up before you from morning to night?"¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law said, "This is no way to go about it. You'll burn out, and the people right along with you. This is way too much for you—you can't do this alone. Exodus 18:13,14, 17 MP

"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30 NLT

Then I heard the voice of the Lord God. He said, 'Is there anyone that I can send with my message? Who will go on our behalf?' I said, 'I am here. Send me!' Isaiah 6:8 EASY

2. I WILL _____.

Jesus ... said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples..." Matthew 28:18-19a GNT

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." Acts 2:9-11 ESV

The church in Antioch had grown strong, with many prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon (a dark man from Central Africa), Lucius (from Cyrene in North Africa), Manaen (a member of Herod's governing council), and Saul.

Acts 13:1 VOICE

Peter said, "Now I know for certain that God doesn't show favoritism with people but treats everyone on the same basis.³⁴ It makes no difference what race of people one belongs to. If they show deep reverence for God, and are committed to doing what's right, they are acceptable before him. Acts 10:35 TP

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there— all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb... Revelation 7:9a MP

3. I WILL _____.

So now, Lord, listen to their threats to harm us. Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously. Acts 4:29 TP

As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, "Master Jesus, take my life."⁶⁰ Then he knelt down, praying loud enough for everyone to hear, "Master, don't blame them for this sin"—his last words. Then he died. Saul was right there, congratulating the killers. Acts 7:59 MP

On that very day a great storm of persecution burst upon the Church in Jerusalem. All Church members except the apostles were scattered...., Saul harassed the Church bitterly. He would go from house to house, drag out both men and women and have them committed to prison. Those who were dispersed by this action went throughout the country, preaching the good news of the message as they went. Acts 8:1-4 PHILLIPS

Don't be afraid of what will happen to you. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison. He will do this to test you. You will suffer for ten days, but be faithful, even if you have to die. If you continue to be faithful, I will give you the reward of life. Revelation 2:10 ERV