

Reflection on today's Reading and Gospel. Act 25: 13-21 John 21: 15-19

As a consequence of his determination to follow the Holy Spirit's call, Paul is led to Jerusalem, from Ephesus. Now, in today's first Reading, through the Spirit's promptings and Paul's subsequent actions, he is to be taken to Rome, where he will complete his extensive work of spreading the good news.

On the other hand, in the Gospel, we find Jesus, shortly before his Ascension to the Father, asking Peter if he loves him. In response, Peter agrees to the Spirit's call to take Jesus' place and to establish and lead his church.

For Paul and Peter their willingness to follow the Spirit's call will cost them their lives. Paul by execution and Peter by crucifixion.

As Christians, we too are asked to take up our cross daily and to follow Jesus. How might the Holy Spirit be calling us?

Visiting the sick? Teaching? Feeding the hungry? Serving the poor? Being a devoted husband or wife? Taking up a ministry? Wearing a smile? The list is endless.

Where might our "Yes" lead us? If we follow in faith and determination, certainly to our Eternal reward.

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