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WHATEVER HAPPENS  
*Keep the Faith*

PHILIPPIANS 1:27, ACTS 27:25, ACTS 23:11

**SPIRITUAL DEEPENING WEEK THEME:**

**“Whatever Happens, Walk Worthy!”**

November 14:

**“Whatever Happens, Keep the Faith”**

Acts 27:25

November 15 (pm):

**“Whatever Happens, Embrace the Tensions”**

Ephesians 4:1, 29; I Thess. 2:7, 5:17-18; James 1:19; Luke 23:34

November 16:

**“Whatever Happens, Watch Our Words”**

Ephesians 4:1-3, 15-16, 25-5:2

# **“Whatever Happens, Keep the Faith!”**

**“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ”**

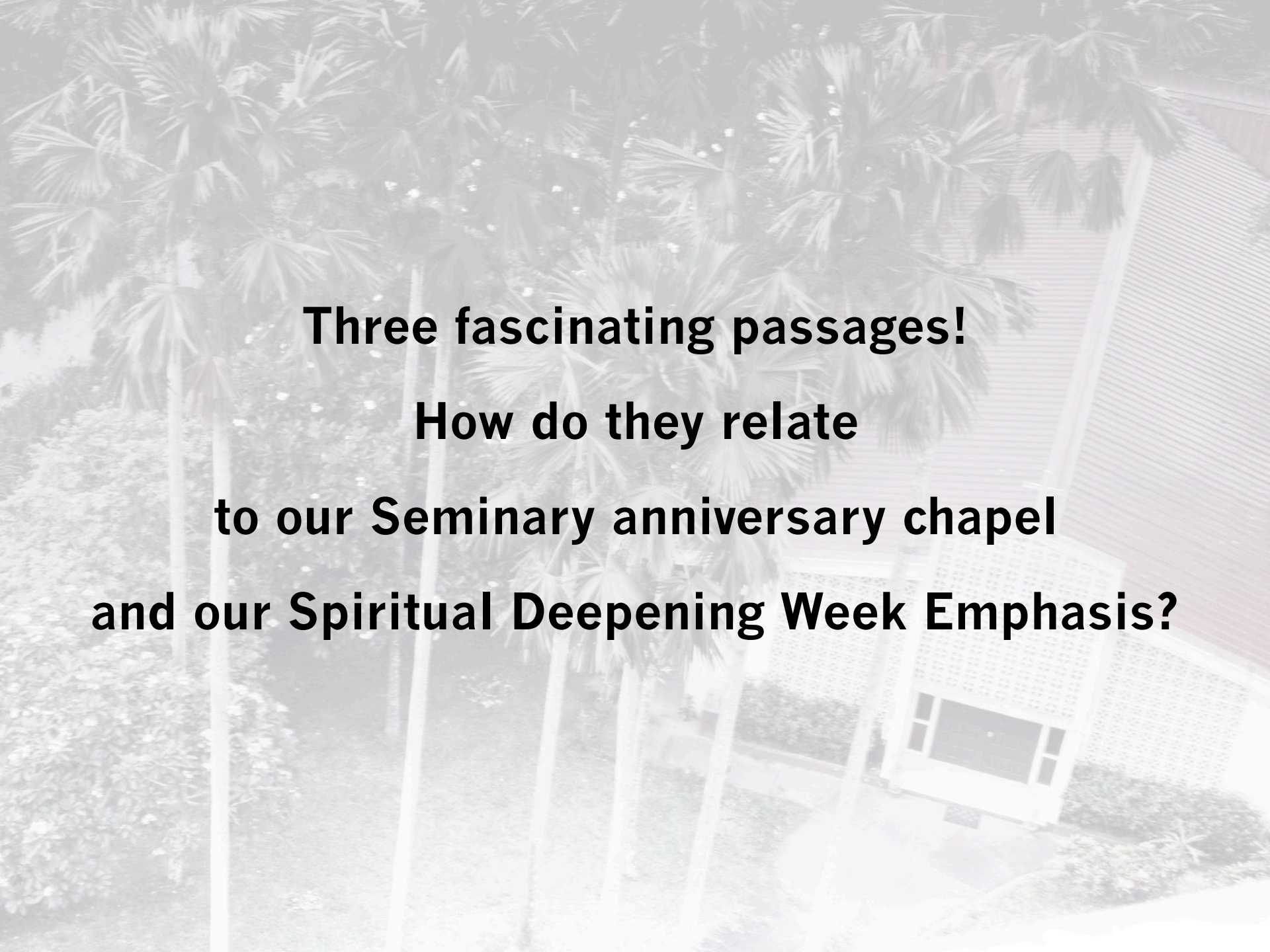
Philippians 1:27

**“So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”**

Acts 27:25

**“The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify about me in Rome.”**

Acts 23:11



**Three fascinating passages!**  
**How do they relate**  
**to our Seminary anniversary chapel**  
**and our Spiritual Deepening Week Emphasis?**

# **The Context...**

**Acts 20-28**

**Acts 20-22**

**\*Acts 23:11**

**Acts 24-26**

**\*Acts 27:25**

**Acts 28**

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## **So What?**

**What can we learn from this story  
about faith  
and the faithfulness of God  
to His vision and direction for us?**

**Paul's experience reminds us that...**

## **#1. DELAYS MAY OCCUR**

God told Paul he would **go to** Rome,  
He **did not** tell Paul **when, how, how long**  
it would take **before**  
the vision would be fulfilled.

# Delays...most often occurs...

**For Paul.**

**for us.**

Progress may not seem as evident at times in our studies, projects, work, plans and our calling...

**For APNTS.**

When God give to us a vision

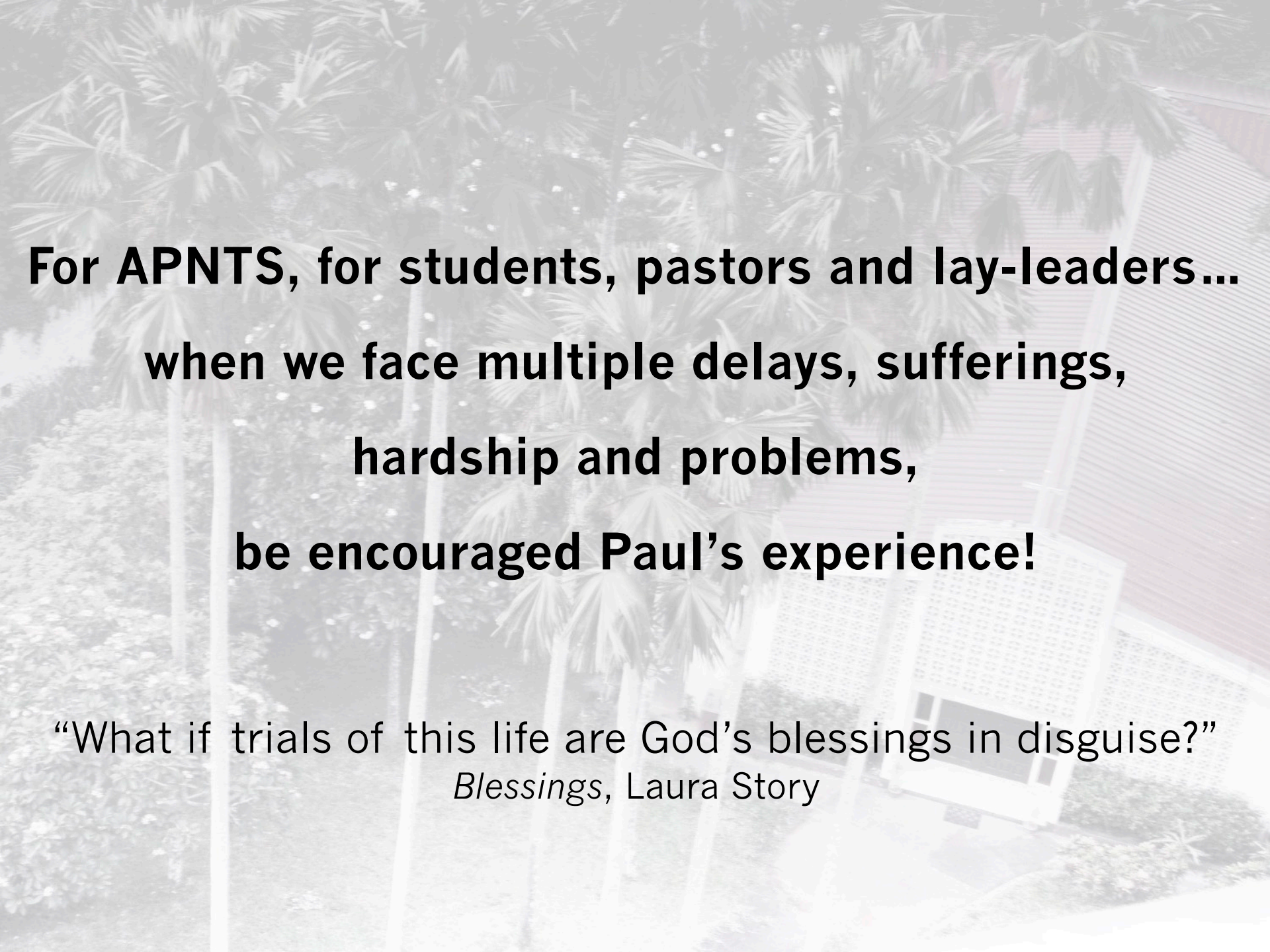
and speaks a word of direction to us,

**delays may occur in the realization of that vision!**



**Paul's experience reminds us that...**  
**#2. SUFFERING and HARDSHIP,  
MAY RESULT!**

**The temptation we face, often,  
is to *GIVE UP* and *FORGET*  
that God has spoken a word of direction to us  
and given to us a vision for our lives.**

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**For APNTS, for students, pastors and lay-leaders...  
when we face multiple delays, sufferings,  
hardship and problems,  
be encouraged Paul's experience!**

“What if trials of this life are God's blessings in disguise?”  
*Blessings, Laura Story*

**Paul's experience reminds us...**

## **#3. PUSH AHEAD, DON'T LOOK BACK!**

Paul could have thought about his friends  
and their advice. (21:14) (21:12)

He could have questioned his own judgment. (26:32)

**Or tempted to ask: Why? What if?**

**Or ask "Did I make a mistake?"**

The background of the slide features a faded, high-angle photograph of a tropical setting. In the foreground, several tall palm trees with dense fronds are visible. In the background, a modern building with a light-colored facade and a grid-like pattern of windows or panels is partially obscured by the trees. The overall tone is bright and airy, with a soft, semi-transparent overlay effect.

**Paul's experience reminds us...**  
**#4. BELIEVE HIM,**  
**REGARDLESS OF THE COST!**

**Paul's journey, my journey, your journey,  
gives us new meaning to the song,**

*"In His time."*



**God's word to Paul was finally realized.**

**He arrived in Rome.**

**Just as God had spoken.**

**Was everything easy? NO.**

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**Paul accepted the situation, the place,  
where God placed him.**

God used him profoundly in exactly **that** setting!

**What else did  
Paul accomplish  
while under house arrest in Rome?**

# IN ROME,

He wrote the “Prison” Epistles:  
**Philippians, Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon.**

Under house arrest, Paul wrote to the church at Philippi,

*“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves  
in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”*

# **“IN HIS TIME”**

**“In His time, In His time,  
God makes all things beautiful in His time,  
Lord, please show me every day  
as you’re teaching me your way,  
that you do just what you say,  
In your time!”**



# **FOR YOU, FOR ME, FOR APNTS...**

**There may be problems...at home, at school,  
with friends, or finances.**

**There may be a death of a family member, loss of a job, a  
low grade, or misunderstandings.**

**Even rejection.**

**Yet, with a strong faith in God, He will make a way!**

**He holds us steady...until He shows us *His* way.**

# **“God Will Make A Way”**

**“God will make a way,  
when there seems to be no way,  
He works in ways we cannot see,  
He will make a way for me,  
He will be my guide,  
hold me closely to His side,  
With love and strength for each new day,  
He will make a way.  
God will make a way.”**

# **Whatever Happens...**

**Whatever happens to you  
AS YOU FOLLOW HIS CALLING, (at APNTS and beyond),**

**Whatever happens, walk worthy...by keeping the faith!**

**“Keep up the faith, men,  
FOR I HAVE FAITH IN GOD THAT IT WILL HAPPEN,  
JUST AS HE SAID IT WOULD!”**

**IN THE MIDST OF DELAYS and SETBACKS,  
SUFFERING AND HARDSHIPS,  
PUSH AHEAD, DON'T LOOK BACK!  
BELIEVE GOD, REGARDLESS OF THE COSTS!**

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