**PASTOR E’s BIBLE STUDY NOTES**

**DON’T BE THAT GUY – Acts 21:18-40**

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Thank you for joining us for Bible Study. Paul has been warned of trouble awaiting him in Jerusalem. Tonight we see this beginning to happen. We will see four character in this text that we must avoid being. LET’S DIG IN!!

1. **THE LEGALIST** 
   1. Legalism is the doctrine that salvation is gained through good works plus faith. (The mirror)
   2. The answer to legalism is not license but authentic faith. Intrinsic in authentic faith is faithfulness.
   3. Illustration on Ampliﬁcation of weak signals...
2. **THE OBSTRUCTIONIST** 
   1. One who designs or acts in a way that obstructs others, making it diﬃcult or impossible to do what needs to be done.
   2. No one can stop what God is doing. Contrast this with Paul's gracious response of puriﬁcation and sacriﬁce.
   3. As with Paul, sometimes no matter what you do some people are ﬁxed on misunderstanding you.
3. **THE CULTURALIST** 
   1. Cultural Intolerance. Cultural Insensitivity. Cultural Integration
   2. God calls us to abandon our sins and untruths but He never calls us to abandon our culture. Christianity is not a subculture of American culture or any other culture.
   3. What does a football team, an orchestra and a choir have in common? Different parts, positions, assignments but the same goal. Unity does not negate culture.
4. **THE JUDGMENTALIST** 
   1. One who labels others based on limited scope; to criticize without knowledge of what is being criticized. Jumping to conclusions.
   2. Notice the beautiful contrast between these Jews, Jewish Christians and the Roman Commander.