
[SERMON NOTES]

Acts 24:1-27 - Too Close to Compromise

Compromise _____ dangerous.

Why do we compromise?

- _____ motives
- _____ motives
- _____ motives

Compromise is _____ way of getting _____ way instead of following _____ way.
(Proverbs 14:12, 16:25)

We typically compromise over God's _____. (Acts 5:29)

Compromise is like choosing to drink _____ despite the _____.

How do we fight compromise?

- Live to please the _____, instead of _____.

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Share a story of when you made a compromise in life. Then describe how it turned out and if you regretted it or not.

Compromise is not always a bad thing. There are definitely things we can and should compromise over - but there are certainly things we should compromise on. **Take some time to list out 5-6 things that might be considered healthy compromises and 5-6 things that would be unhealthy compromises.**

Health Compromises

Unhealthy Compromises

[DIGGING DEEPER]

One of the most popular passages about “compromise” is often reserved and shared as God’s desire for Christians to not be relationally bound in marriage to non-Christians. First off, read this passage and underline the part that jumps out to you the most

2 Corinthians 6:14 - *Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?*

Besides marriage or intimacy, what are other areas of compromise that should differ between Christians and non-Christians?

In the list you created above, what might be the biggest temptation for you to compromise over and why?

While there are many areas we may feel tugged and tempted to compromise, one of the most prominent ones can be standing *firm* on the truth of the Gospel. In Acts 24, we see how Paul was unwilling to compromise his character or beliefs, even though it probably would’ve gotten him out of trouble. Paul will later write to his apprentice Timothy to not let the beliefs of the world sway his pure teaching of solid doctrine. ***Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5. What do you think Paul meant by “itching/tickling ears”? And why do you think that might be a compromise Paul was trying to warn Timothy about?***

We learned this weekend that Scripture tends to talk more about God’s desire for us to walk closely with Him over just ‘not doing the wrong things.’ ***Read the passages below and write beside them how they shape or encourage a manner to be walking close(r) with God.***

Titus 3:3-5

1 John 3:7-10

Revelation 14:12-13

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Acts 24

Titus 3

1 John 3

Romans 1