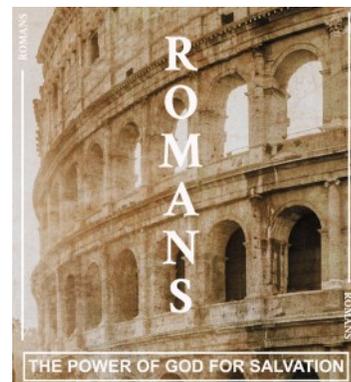


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Romans 15:18-33



## Going Further Faster

*Go Further Faster by....*

1. Staying Longer...

2. Reaching Wider...

3. Caring Deeper...

4. Praying Harder...

**Small Group Discussion Guide**  
**Going Further Faster**  
**Romans 15:18-33**

**Getting Started**

Where in life are people most tempted to settle? When things get hard, boring, or slow?

**Digging Deeper (*Read Romans 15:18–33*)**

1. Paul says he has “fulfilled the ministry” and that therefore he was no longer hindered from coming to Rome.
  - Where does he say that in verses 19–23?
  - What does it mean that Paul had “fulfilled” his ministry in those regions?
  - Why would Paul delay going somewhere exciting (Rome/Spain) to finish something harder or less glamorous?
  - What are some assignments God gives people that they are tempted to leave too soon?
  - What would one step further look like in your answer to that question?
  
2. Paul says he made it his ambition to preach the gospel where Christ had not been named, and therefore he is trying to go to Spain (vv. 20 & 24).
  - What does it mean to “preach the gospel”? What doesn’t it mean?
  - Paul was willing to cross continents to preach Christ. What would it look like for you to go further in sharing Christ?

3. Paul personally carries the offering to Jerusalem (vv. 25–29).

- Look at a Bible map. Paul is likely writing this letter from Corinth. He wants to go to Spain, but first to Jerusalem. After that, he plans to stop in Rome before heading to Spain. Discuss what this trip would entail.
- Why do you think Paul didn't simply delegate this responsibility?
- Paul goes far to express care (in Jerusalem) and to develop relationships (in Rome). What would it look like to go further in caring for and relating to the people in your life right now?

4. Paul urges them to “strive together” with him in prayer (vv. 30–33).

- The word implies effort and struggle. How is striving prayer different from routine prayer?
- What specifically does Paul ask them to pray for?
- When was the last time you agonized in prayer?
- What would one step toward striving in prayer look like this week?

### **Making It Real**

Of the four areas — finishing, preaching, caring, & praying — which challenges you most right now? Why do you think that area is hardest for you? Strive in prayer for one another.

### **Resources:**

**Romans: Righteousness from Heaven** | R. Kent Hughes

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