

## Holy Ambition

**Romans 15:14-29**

**Romans 15:14 (NIV)** *I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another. <sup>15</sup> I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>17</sup> *Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. <sup>18</sup> I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— <sup>19</sup>by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. <sup>20</sup> **It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known**, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. <sup>21</sup> Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." <sup>22</sup> This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.*

<sup>23</sup> *But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, <sup>24</sup> I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. <sup>28</sup> So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. <sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.*

- Paul knew **WHO** he was.
- He knew what God had **CALLED** him to do.
- He was committed to **FULFILLING** that calling.
- He knew where the **POWER** came from.

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	Paul the Apostle	You
<b>IDENTITY</b> <i>Who am I?</i>	“priest” preacher pioneer	
<b>MISSION</b> <i>What has God called me to do?</i>	Preach the gospel where Christ is not known — be a “frontier missionary church planter”	
<b>INTENTIONALITY</b> <i>How committed am I to fulfilling that calling?</i>	“From Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ ... there is no more place for me to work in these regions”	
<b>POWER SOURCE</b> <i>What am I relying on for strength and impact?</i>	“I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me”	