

Digging Deeper by Robert Lee
Sermon Series: *Truth Consequence*
Icon: *God Using Us vs Us Using God*
Scripture Lesson: *Acts 19:11-20*

Monday – Read Acts 19:11-12 and pray in thanksgiving for the countless Spiritual Wonders that surround you daily. In these verses, we see that while the Apostle Paul was in Ephesus, Yahweh (God) used him to perform miracles that were “extraordinary” in nature. The simple touch of a handkerchief or apron is mighty enough for Yahweh to cure those who were physically or spiritually ill. The main takeaway here is that Yahweh is the miracle maker and that He is able to use anyone (as he did with Paul) in any situation to demonstrate his limitless power.

Tuesday – Read Acts 19:13 and pray for Spiritual Awareness. In verse 13, we find that some Jews of that time imitated Paul by attempting to drive out evil spirits of those that were demon-possessed. A term that is used today to describe their actions is “copycat.” Scripture also says that they actually used the name of the Lord Yeshua (Jesus) while commanding these evil spirits to come out. Believers know that it is a sin to use God’s name in vain. Continue reading, studying and sharing God’s Word. It is life’s book of instruction that is second to none.

Wednesday – Read Acts 19:14-16 and pray for Spiritual Wisdom. The seven sons of Sceva are introduced in this passage and it’s pretty graphic what happened to them after attempting to cast evil spirits out of people. Going back to verse 13, isn’t it ironic that when the seven sons referred to a preacher in their practice of sorcery, it was Paul that they mentioned and not Sceva, their father and a Jewish chief priest?

Thursday – Read Acts 19:17-18 and pray for Spiritual Discernment. Fear overcame Jews and Greeks alike upon finding out what happened to the seven sons of Sceva. Many confessed of their sin openly, and the name of Lord Jesus was held in high honor, as it always should.

Friday – Read Acts 19:19 and pray for Spiritual Relief. Verse 19 talks about the calculated value of the scrolls that were burned following their open confession. Some studies estimate that “fifty thousand pieces of silver” was the value of scrolls that they burned, which would have equaled the combined annual wages of 200 men. Assuming \$50,000 per person, the value is about \$20 million worth books on magic, astrology, witchcraft and other similar writings. When the Holy Spirit cleans house, it can be very costly!

Saturday – Read Acts 19:20 and pray for Spiritual Growth. As in verses 11 & 12 above, verse 20 is yet another miraculous demonstration of how Yahweh uses every situation at his disposal to spread His word.