

# BATTLES AFTER REVIVAL

## ACTS 19:21-41

Text:

Introduction:

### 1. The Rebellion at Ephesus (vs. 21-28)

#### A. The Concern of the Business Community

##### 1. Financial

#### **1 Timothy 6:10**

<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

##### 2. Future

#### **James 4:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: <sup>14</sup>Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. <sup>15</sup>For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

##### 3. False Religion

## B. The Cry of the Business Community

The enemy couldn't penetrate the church from within, so he tried to from without.

### 2. The Rally at Ephesus (vs. 29-34)

#### A. Cruel

#### **2 Timothy 3:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

#### B. Confusing

### 3. The Reprieve at Ephesus (vs. 35-41)

#### A. The Source of the Reprieve

#### **Proverbs 21:1**

<sup>1</sup> The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

#### B. The Season of the Reprieve

#### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

<sup>13</sup> There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Many times after we have experienced a period of trials the Lord allows us a time of reprieve.

We must be faithful to the Lord both in times of stress and times of rest.

**Galatians 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.