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## A BRIDGE TOO FAR?

### ACTS 21:17-40

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To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law...To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 Corinthians 9:20, 22

### WHAT IS CONTEXTUALIZATION?

Altering the \_\_\_\_\_ by which the \_\_\_\_\_ is communicated in order to achieve greater \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ without altering the \_\_\_\_\_ in any way.

### 4 PRINCIPLES FOR CONTEXTUALIZATION

(1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

1. I willingly set aside my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I serve \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ like those I am trying to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I am wholeheartedly \_\_\_\_\_ by God's Word.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- o We will make contextualization \_\_\_\_\_ every day, whether in \_\_\_\_\_, word, or \_\_\_\_\_.

- o A right \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't necessarily mean a right \_\_\_\_\_...or the outcome we hoped for.
- o The Word of God is \_\_\_\_\_; the inspired men who wrote it are \_\_\_\_\_...just like you and me.
- o God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
- o God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us when we \_\_\_\_\_ up.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

- o What \_\_\_\_\_ am I making to properly \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel with those in my sphere of influence?
- o Have I taken a \_\_\_\_\_ too far in any of my \_\_\_\_\_ or personal \_\_\_\_\_?

"You need to make a decision, about a decision, before you make a decision."