

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

III THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH Acts 13-28

LESSON 19 - The Third Missionary Journey Ends - Acts 20

KEY VERSE

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

PONDER¹

READ Acts Chapter 20.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. _____

PAUL RETURNS TO MACEDONIA

READ Acts 20:1-6.

1. After the uproar in Ephesus, what did Paul do and where did he go (vv. 1, 2)? _____

2. What happened when he was about to sail to Syria (v. 3)? _____

What did he do? _____

3. Who went ahead and waited for Paul and Luke in Troas² (vv. 4, 5)? _____

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¹ PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

² Troas: this is where Paul's European pioneer missionary journey began.

³ Aristarchus: faithful companion and friend who accompanied Paul to Rome and shared his imprisonment (See Acts 27:2).

⁴ Secundus: an early Christian from Thessalonica; one of seven friends and companions of the Apostle Paul from Greece to Asia Minor.

⁵ Gaius: native of Macedonia; companion of the Apostle Paul; may be the one that John commended for his generosity and faithful service (see III John 1:1, 5).

⁶ The Macedonian churches were represented by Sopater, Aristarchus, and Secundus; the Galatian churches by Gaius and Timothy; and the Asian churches by Tychicus and Trophemus.

4. When did Paul and Luke sail from Philippi (v. 6)? _____ 7

MINISTERING AT TROAS

READ Acts 20:7-12.

1. On what day did the missionary team meet to break bread⁸ (v. 7a)? _____

_____ 9

2. Because Paul would continue his journey the next day, what did he and the believers do (vv. 7b, 8)?

PERSONAL

How do you spend the Lord's Day? How do you set time aside for God? How is it different than any other day?

3. What happened to Eutychus¹⁰ (v. 9)? _____

4. How did Paul minister to the dead young man and greatly comfort the believers assembled in the upper room (vv. 10-12)?

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⁷ Days of Unleavened Bread: the feast of the Passover (Exodus 13:3-10) which the church would eventually cease to celebrate as Christ became the final Passover Lamb.

⁸ break bread: the Lord's Supper (see I Corinthians 11:26).

⁹ first day of the week: Sunday, the day associated with the Lord Jesus Christ; called the Lord's Day because it is the day that Jesus rose from the dead; the Church was born on the first day of the week when the Spirit came at Pentecost.

¹⁰ Eutychus: means fortunate.

¹¹ broken bread and eaten: refers to a regular meal.

TROAS TO MILETUS

READ Acts 20:13-16.

1. Paul walked from Troas to Assos¹² where he met up with the missionaries and boarded their ship. Where did they sail to (vv. 14, 15)?

PERSONAL

Do you need time alone sometimes as Paul did when he walked ten hours from Troas to Assos? What do you do in your alone time?

LOOK DEEPER

How did David find joy in fellowship with God when he was in the wilderness of Judah (Psalm 63)?

2. Why did Paul sail past Ephesus (Acts 20:16)? _____

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PAUL’S FAREWELL CHARGE TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS¹⁴

READ Acts 20:17-21.

1. Once he was in Miletus, who did Paul send for (v. 17)? _____

¹² Troas to Assos: a twenty mile, ten hour walk.

¹³ Day of Pentecost - Greek *Pentekoste* : meaning fifty. Old Testament festival celebrated fifty days after Passover; the first fruits of the wheat harvest; New Testament day of first fruits of Christ’s Church, the beginning of the great harvest of souls.

¹⁴ ELDERS - Greek *presbyter* : mature person selected to serve in office.

2. What did Paul review with them concerning:

his manner of living (vv. 18, 19)? _____

his personal work (v. 20)? _____

his message (v. 21)? _____

3. What profound testimony does Paul foretell, by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, about his upcoming afflictions (vv. 22, 23)?

4. What is Paul's determination despite the persecutions which await him (v. 24)? _____

5. In his farewell words, what was he innocent of (vv. 26, 27)? What had he boldly declared? _____

6. How does Paul exhort, warn, and commend the elders about the future of the church?

v. 28 _____

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v. 29 _____

¹⁵ overseer - Greek *episkopos*: bishop.

¹⁶ shepherd: pastor.

v. 30 _____

v. 31 _____

v. 32 _____

7. What did Paul share about his integrity in the ministry (vv. 33-35)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

Paul is an example of one who served the Lord with humility, tears, trials, joy, integrity, purity, and perseverance. How do the following Scriptures further exhort and instruct you?

Isaiah 57:15 _____

James 4:10 _____

I Peter 5:5, 6 _____

A MINISTERS FAREWELL

READ Acts 20:36-38.

1. How does Paul, the Lord's missionary, bless the elders of the church and what is their loving response towards him (vv. 36-38)?

PERSONAL

How is the life of Paul, thus far, compelling you to a sacrificial and uncompromising walk with God? Ponder on this.

WRITE out the KEY VERSE. _____

*And they continued steadfastly
in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
Acts 2:42*

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