

# Acts

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## The Amazing Race - Acts 20

### 1 Racing through Macedonia and Greece

~ ACTS 20:1-6 (NIV)

Paul traveled throughout that area, speaking many words of \_\_\_\_\_.

~ ACTS 20:2 (NIV)

Paul added some amazing men to his amazing race: The \_\_\_\_\_.

~ ACTS 20:4 (NIV)

These men were certainly *fruit* of Paul's faithful missions work and are now the agents of the mission alongside Paul!

### 2 A worship service in Troas

On Sunday they came together to break \_\_\_\_\_.

~ ACTS 20:7 (NIV)

Eutychus was so hungry for God's word that he did everything in his power to stay awake and listen to Paul and the discussion.

~ ACTS 20:9 (NIV)

Paul raced to save Eutychus' life.

~ ACTS 20:10 (NIV)

### 3 Racing back to Ephesus, but a time-out first

Paul wanted to walk to Assos by \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

~ ACTS 20:13 (NIV)

#### Why?

Do you take time to find peace and rest in the Lord, in order to reflect on the past and find strength for the future?

#### 4 Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian elders with a charge to finish the race.

Paul's only \_\_\_\_\_ is to finish the race, the race of the Christian life, and to complete the task the Lord Jesus has given him, which is to testify to the good news of God's grace!

~ ACTS 20:24 (NIV)

Dromos is the word used here for \_\_\_\_\_ .

It is a beautiful figure of speech for the race of the Christian life!

Paul used the metaphor of a race many times in his letters:  
*1 Corinthians 9:26-27; Galatians 5:7; Philipians 3:13-14; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 12:1-3*

Paul warns there will be future trials from savage wolves and so they better keep watch.

~ ACTS 20:29 (NIV)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ in our town too!

## So What?

There are 4 things to keep in mind when you're in a \_\_\_\_\_ :

1 Be \_\_\_\_\_ to take risks. ~ ACTS 20:24a (NIV)

2 It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ /complete the race. ~ ACTS 20:24b (NIV)

3 You will have opposition. ~ ACTS 20:19, ACTS 20:23, ACTS 20:29 (NIV)

3 During a race, there's urgency in the here and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Just in this chapter alone we see Paul's urgency several times:* ~ ACTS 20:7, 16, 20, 27 (NIV)

## DISCUSSION

## QUESTIONS

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- 1 - Have you ever been in a race? Running, driving, boating, scavenger hunt, etc.? Explain. Was it exciting? Did you try hard to finish and even win?
- 2 - Read Acts 20:1-3. Why did Paul travel so much? What was his goal? What was his motive?
- 3 - Read Acts 20:4. Paul usually traveled with companions, people that he could mentor. Is anyone mentoring you? Are you mentoring someone? Explain.
- 4 - Read Acts 20:7-12. Eutyclus was so hungry to hear God's word that he did everything he could to stay awake. Are you this hungry? Explain.
- 5 - Read Acts 20:13. Why do you think Paul wanted to walk 20 miles by himself?
- 6 - Read Acts 20:22-24. Paul's only aim was to basically know Jesus and to make Him known. Is this your only aim or do you get focused on other things? Why or why not?
- 7 - Read Acts 20:28-31. Can you think of savage wolves who have drawn people away from Christianity? What are they like? How do they deceive? How can we protect ourselves and others from savage wolves?

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