

1. Review

- Paul was not a lone wolf. He had a missionary team around him on all 3 missionary journeys, and he was committed to discipling others.
- In Troas, during a long message by Paul, Eutychus fell asleep and fell 3 stories and died. Paul healed him.

2. Text: Acts 20:13-38

Acts 20:13-17

- Paul takes **10** hour walk from Troas to Assos while the missionary team took a ship there.
- Paul wanted to meet with the **elders** of the church at Ephesus before he went to Jerusalem.

Acts 20:18-27

- Paul did the Lord's work **humbly** and with many **tears**.
- Paul endured many **trials**
- Paul never shrank back from telling them what they **needed** to hear.
 - One mark of true love is gently telling the other person what they need to hear, not what they want to hear.
- Paul told them they needed to **repent** from sin and turn to God.
- Paul told them they needed to have **faith** in the Lord Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit revealed to Paul that **jail** and **suffering** lie ahead for him.
 - "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God." -Apostle Paul
 - **Romans 10:14-15** "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

- Paul was **faithful** (constant, true, unwavering, committed, dedicated) to declare all that God wanted them to know.

Acts 20:28-38

- Paul told the elders to **guard** themselves and God's people.
- Paul also told the elders to “**feed** and **shepherd** God's flock - His church, **purchased with his own blood** - over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.”
- Paul gave 3 years of his life serving and giving of his life to the Ephesian believers without expecting them to give back to him in any way.
 - He quoted Jesus, “It is more blessed to **give** than to receive”.

3. Application

- Paul declared that his life was worth nothing to him unless he used it for finishing the work assigned him by the Lord Jesus.
 - Can we say that? Is that even on our radar? Do we think we have the right to do what we want to do with the life He gave us? Do we remember we were lost and bound for hell because of our sin, but He loved us so much that He purchased us with His very own blood? Pray that you would know what work He has assigned you and that you would pursue that no matter the cost, just like Paul did.
- And we already know that one of our assignments is the same as Paul's... it's the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.