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Chapter 20

Picture of a Pastor

- ✱ **Follow up and Encouragement**
- ✱ **Always on mission with a heart for more & new opportunities - Rom. 15:23-32**
- ✱ **v.3 - Can't win - where the Word of God & the Gospel is preached there will be trouble & offense!**
- ✱ **Calling for & teaching the grace of Giving - for missions & ministries**

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- ▶ Collection for Jerusalem - **2 Cor. 8:1-15**
- ▶ Integrity (guys coming with Paul), In keeping with income, cheerfully, willingly, bountifully & benevolently
- ✱ **v.7 - Met first day of the week & not the Sabbath as some religious systems claim = a work day**
 - ▶ **Note: Constantly breaking bread!**

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 | ESV

Picture of a Pastor

- ✿ **Pastors going long is scriptural**
 - ▶ Be glad it is nowhere near this long!
 - ▶ 1st record of someone falling asleep!
 - ▶ Could be dangerous!
 - ▶ No fear...resurrection is possible (Elijah 1 K 17:21, Elisha 2 K 4:34)
 - ▶ v.11 - this didn't slow Paul down!

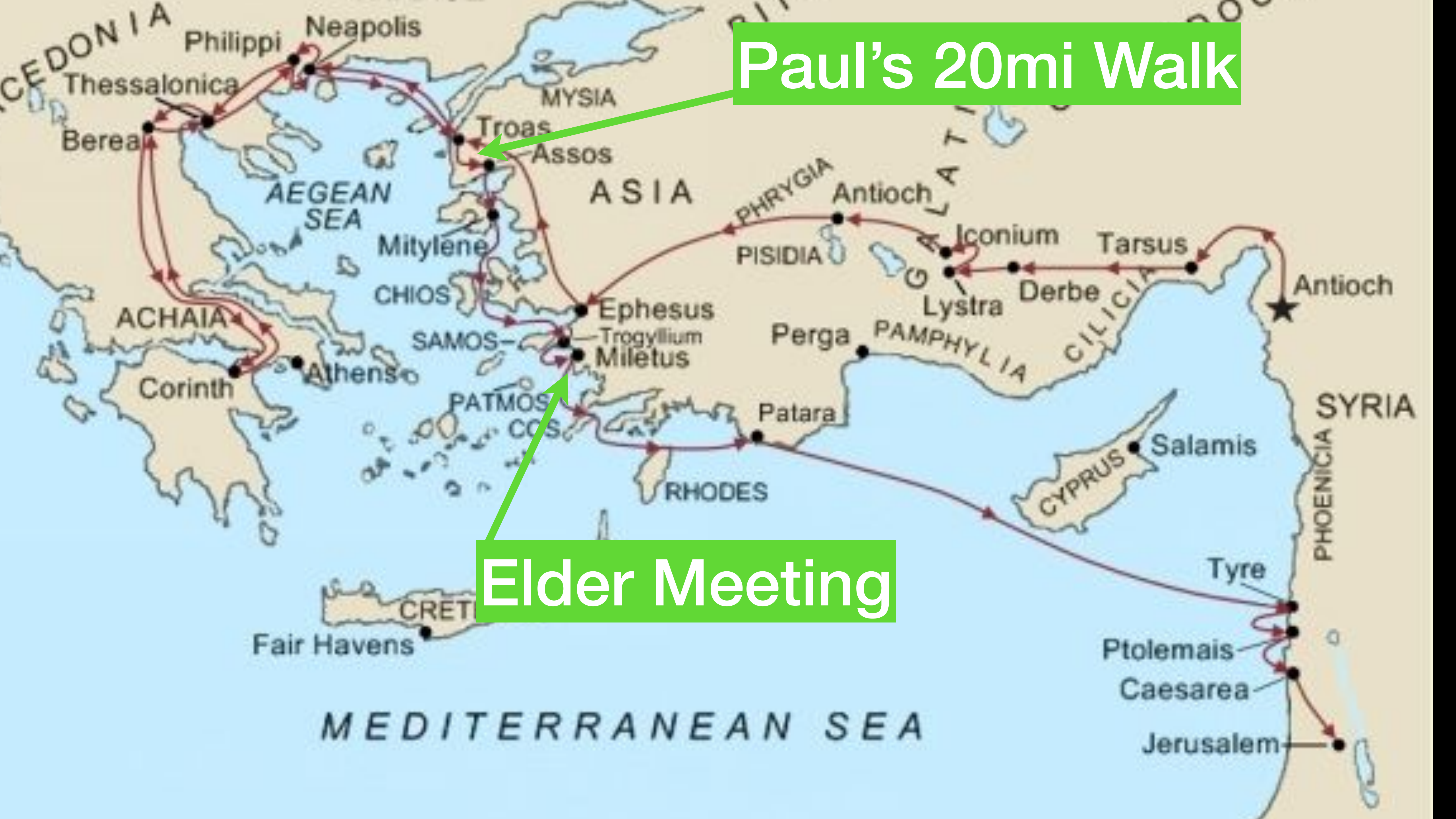
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- ✱ Don't resurrect me for your own comfort!
- ✱ Paul celebrated the Passover at Phillipi & is trying to reach Jerusalem within the next 50 days - Head winds make travel slower



Paul's 20mi Walk

Elder Meeting



10 Characteristics of Good Pastoring

1. (v.18) Transparency

- ▶ Lives in openness among his people

2. (v.19) Serves the Lord

- ▶ With humility = power under control
- ▶ With tears = passion & compassion
- ▶ With trials = doesn't throw in the towel when hardships & persecutions come

10 Characteristics of Good Pastoring

3. (v.20-21) Boldy Declaring & Teaching

- ▶ What is profitable
- ▶ Gospel - repentance toward God not just from sin
- ▶ Faith in Christ (esp. the doing part) & not in anything or anyone else!

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4. (v.22-23) Constrained by the Spirit

- ▶ Following & Listening to Jesus' Counselor
- ▶ Trusting by faith - not always knowing

5. (v.24) Committed to the Ministry

- ▶ Over self - puts others first!
- ▶ Is a finisher
- ▶ To the specific ministry God gave him

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6. (v.25) Proclaims & Testifies to Gospel of Christ & his Kingdom

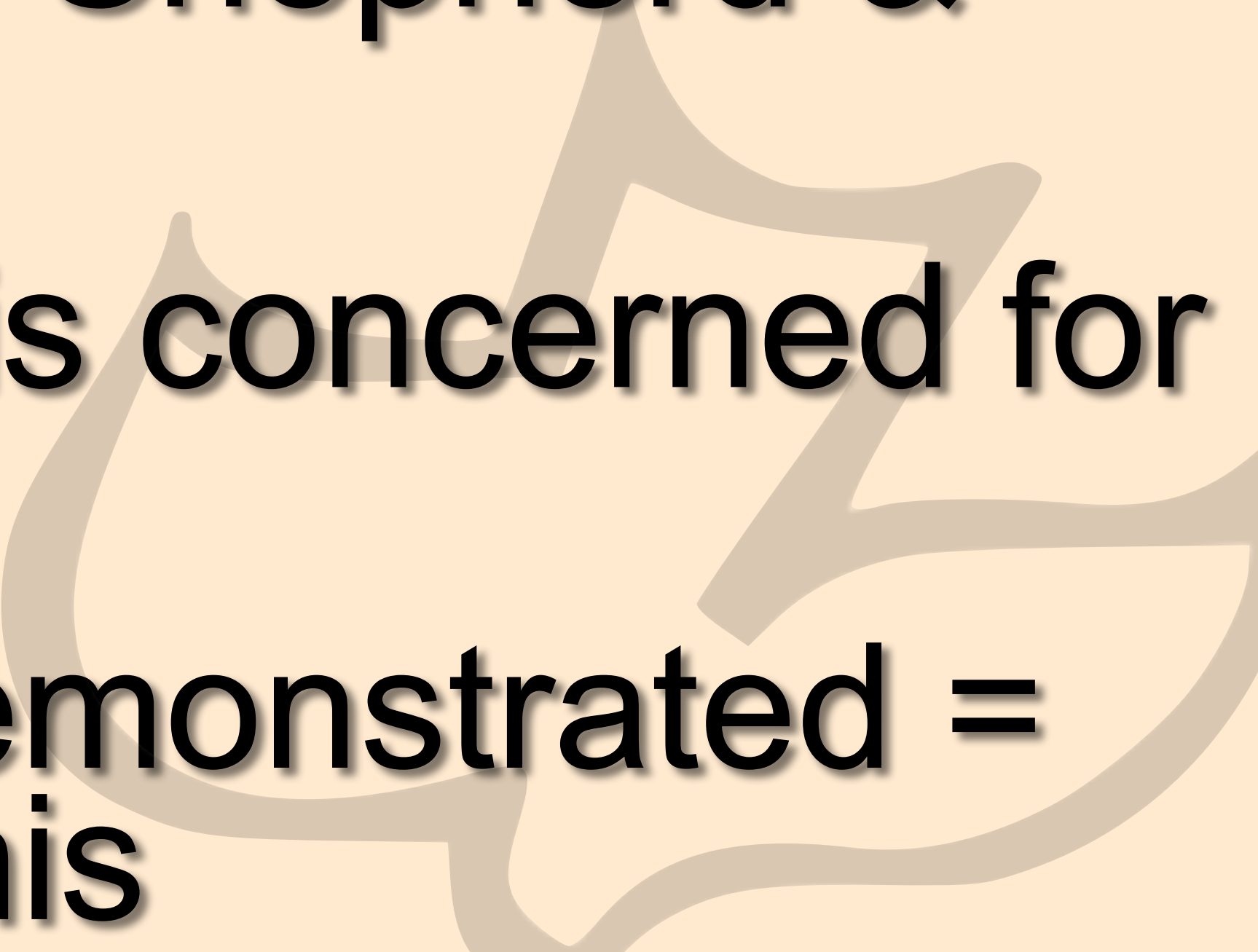
- ▶ Might be a broken record

7. (v.26) Clear Conscience

- ▶ No regrets = said & did everything the Lord asked
- ▶ Give the Whole Counsel of God!

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8. (v.27-31) Caring Shepherd

- ▶ Pays attention to self or cultivates his own relationship with the Good Shepherd & ministers out of that
 - ▶ Pays attention to others - is concerned for their spiritual health
 - ▶ Cares in the way Christ demonstrated = knows the sheep are not his
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10 Characteristics of Good Pastoring

- ▶ Protects & Warns the sheep - from wolves & twisted thinking
- ▶ Note: Wolves - are out for self, divide kill & eat & look like sheep - Matt. 7:15-20

9. (v.32) Commend People to Christ

- ▶ Build you up in Christ & his grace
- ▶ Help you to get inheritance!

10 Characteristics of Good Pastoring

10. (v.33-35) Hard Working

- ▶ Not hardly working
 - ▶ Not coveting, but covering
 - ▶ Does what is necessary & glad to
 - ▶ Helps up and doesn't just hand out = empowers for life!
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