

Live His Mission | Love His Church
Thriving in the Next Chapter
Acts 20:1-21

1. Realize that the CHURCH has a MISSION, and the MISSION has a CHURCH.

After the uproar was over, **Paul** sent for the **disciples, encouraged** them, and after saying farewell, departed to go to Macedonia. 2 And when he had passed through those areas and offered them many words of **encouragement**, he came to Greece 3 and stayed three months.

The Jews plotted against him when he was about to set sail for Syria, and so he decided to go back through Macedonia.

4 He was **accompanied** by **Sopater** son of Pyrrhus from Berea, **Aristarchus** and **Secundus** from Thessalonica, **Gaius** from Derbe, **Timothy**, and **Tychicus** and **Trophimus** from the province of Asia. 5 These **men** went on ahead and waited for us in Troas, 6 but we sailed away from Philippi after the Festival of Unleavened Bread. In five days we reached them at Troas, where we spent seven days.

2. Set yourself in the middle of a GOOD CHURCH, and the MUNDANE and the MIRACULOUS can happen.

7 On the **first day of the week**, we assembled to **break bread**. **Paul spoke** to them, and since he was about to depart the next day, he **kept on talking until midnight**.

8 There were **many lamps** in the room upstairs where **we were assembled**, 9 and a young man named **Eutychus** was sitting on a window sill and sank into a **deep sleep** as **Paul kept on talking**.

When he was **overcome by sleep**, he **fell down from the third story** and was picked up **dead**. 10 But **Paul went down**, bent over him, embraced him, and said, "Don't be alarmed, because **he's alive**."

11 After going upstairs, **breaking the bread**, and eating, **Paul talked a long time until dawn**. Then he left. 12 They brought the boy home **alive** and were greatly **comforted**.

13 We went on ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we were going to take Paul on board, because these were his instructions, since he himself was going by land. 14 When he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went on to Mitylene.

15 Sailing from there, the next day we arrived off Chios. The following day we crossed over to Samos, and the day after, we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, because he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, for the day of Pentecost.

3. Keep the MAIN THINGS the MAIN THINGS.

17 Now from Miletus, **he sent to Ephesus** and **summoned the elders of the church**.

18 When they came to him, he said to them, "You know, from the first day I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 **serving the Lord with all humility**, with **tears**, and during the **trials** that came to me through the **plots** of the Jews.

- **SERVE** the Lord **PASSIONATELY**.

20 You know that I did not avoid **proclaiming** to you **anything** that was **profitable** or from **teaching** you **publicly** and from **house to house**.

- **TEACH** the Word **THOROUGHLY**.

21 I **testified** to **both Jews and Greeks** about **repentance** toward God and **faith** in our Lord Jesus.

- **SHARE** the gospel **WIDELY**.