

Power to Witness in Word and Deed —Part 2

The Book of Acts

Acts 20:13–38

Read Acts 20:13–17.

1. On the map provided, trace Paul's journey from Troas to Miletus. (vv. 13-15)
2. Why does Paul call the elders of the Ephesus church to Miletus, instead of going there himself? (vv. 16–17)

Read Acts 20:18–38.

3. What does Paul highlight about his ministry in Ephesus? (📖* 2 Cor. 3:1–6; 6:3–10)
 v. 18:
 v. 19:
 v. 20:
 v. 21:

Why do you think he reminds the Ephesian elders of these things?

4. What surprising detail does Paul leave out about his ministry in Ephesus? (19:11–12)
5. How did Paul's ministry reflect Christ to the flock in Ephesus? (Jn. 15:12-13; Phil. 2:1–8)
6. The Spirit compels Paul to go to Jerusalem.
 - a. What things has the Holy Spirit warned him he will have to face? (vv. 22–23)
 - b. What is Paul's response to this warning? (v. 24)
 - c. How does Paul's response challenge you?

*The 📖 symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. What devastating news does Paul share? (v. 25)
8. What do you think Paul means when he says that he is “innocent of the blood of all men” (v. 26)?

How can Paul say this so confidently? (vv. 20–21, 25, 27; 📖* Ezek. 3:17–19)

9. How does Paul both instruct and warn the Ephesian elders? (vv. 28–31)
10. In verse 24 Paul calls his message “the good news of God's grace,” and in verse 32 he entrusts the elders “to God and to the word of his grace.” Why do you think he emphasizes the importance of grace?
11. Paul wants the elders to become more like Jesus (become “sanctified,” v. 32) and to grow in their understanding of the inheritance that they are receiving from God. What is this inheritance like? (Eph. 1:13–14, 18–21; 1 Pet. 1:3–9)
12. What else does Paul want the elders to learn from his example in ministry? (vv. 33–35; 2 Thess. 3:6–9)
13. What strikes you most about the farewell scene in verses 36–38?
14. Paul and the elders are sad to say goodbye, but they have to put aside their comfort and security for the sake of the expansion of the kingdom of God. We too are often sad when we say goodbye to those who have been spiritual mothers or fathers.

How has God encouraged and comforted you in the process of letting go of those who have been spiritual mentors to you?