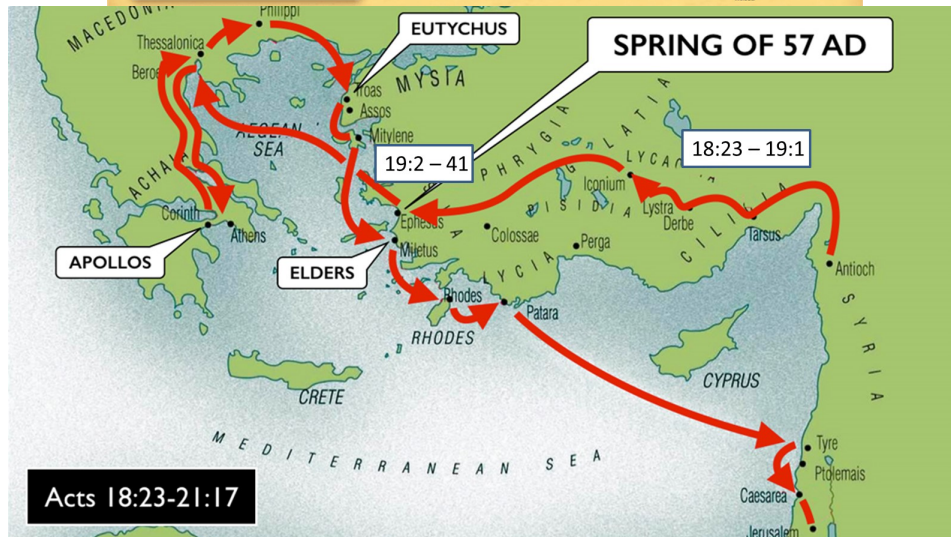


# ACTS

## of the Holy Spirit

### Session #30 – 20:1 - 38



## I. Paul Heads to Jerusalem – Macedonia/Greece (20:1 - 6)

### Verse 1

When the uproar (thorybos = wailing) had ended,  
Paul sent for the disciples  
and, after encouraging them,  
said goodbye  
and set out for Macedonia..

### Verse 2

He traveled through that area,  
speaking many words of encouragement  
to the people,  
and finally arrived in Greece,

We are in the midst of Paul's third missionary journey.  
The theme of the travel throughout Macedonia is to encourage  
the churches started in the first two missionary journeys.

### Verse 3

Where he stayed three months. [winter months]  
Because some Jews had plotted against him  
just as he was about to sail for Syria,  
he decided to go back through Macedonia.

The plot must have involved attacking him as sea.

### Verse 4

He was accompanied by

- 1) **Sopater** son of Pyrrhus from Berea,
- 2) **Aristarchus** and **Secundus** from Thessalonica,
- 3) **Gaius** from Derbe,
- 4) **Timothy** also,
- 5) and **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**  
from the province of Asia.

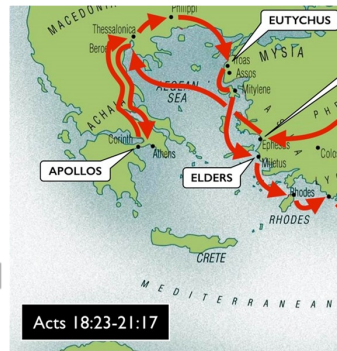
Likely taking offerings to Jerusalem with Paul.

### Verse 5

These men went on ahead  
and waited for us at Troas.

### Verse 6

But we sailed from Philippi  
after the Festival of  
Unleavened Bread, [Passover]  
and five days later  
joined the others at Troas,  
where we stayed seven days.



## II. Paul Raises Eutychus (20:7 - 12)

### Verse 7

On the first day of the week [Sunday – new day of worship]  
we [personal pronoun] came together to break bread.  
Paul spoke to the people and,  
because he intended to leave the next day,  
kept on talking until midnight.

### Verse 8

There were many lamps  
in the upstairs room where we were meeting.

Luke is a witness to the events and message of Paul.  
The “many lamps” reference is not just about light but also about  
heat – raising the temperature in the room.

### Verse 9

Seated in a window  
was a young man named Eutychus, [name means  
“fortunate”]

who was sinking into a deep sleep (hypnos = trance)  
as Paul talked on and on.

When he was sound asleep,  
he fell to the ground from the third story  
and was picked up dead.

### Verse 10

Paul went down,  
threw himself on the young man  
and put his arms around him.  
“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!”

### Verse 11

Then he went upstairs again  
and broke bread and ate.  
After talking until daylight, he left.

All night Bible conference!

### Verse 12

The people took the young man home alive  
and were greatly comforted. [encouragement]  
A miracle of encouragement.

## III. Paul Moves to Miletus (20:13 - 16)

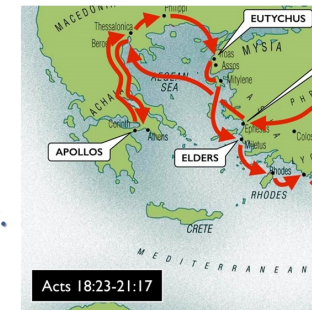
### Verse 13

We went on ahead to the ship  
and sailed for Assos,  
where we were going  
to take Paul aboard.  
He had made this arrangement  
because he was going there on foot.

Paul enjoyed a time of retreat.

### Verse 14

When he met us at Assos,  
we took him aboard  
and went on to Mitylene.



### Verse 15

The next day  
we set sail from there  
and arrived off Chios.  
The day after that  
we crossed over to Samos,  
and on the following day arrived at Miletus.

### Verse 16

Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus  
to avoid spending time in the province of Asia,  
for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem,  
if possible, by the day of Pentecost.

Paul had in his mind to present the offering to the Jerusalem  
church at the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is seven weeks after  
Passover. Paul avoided Ephesus because it would take too long.



#### IV. Paul's Farewell to the Ephesians (20:17 - 38)

##### Verse 17

From Miletus,  
Paul sent to Ephesus  
for the elders (presbyteros = older men – leaders of the Sanhedrin – leaders of the early church – 24 members of the Heavenly Sanhedrin) of the church.

##### Verse 18

Paul's 10 Statements of His Heart:  
When they arrived, he said to them:

1) *"You know how I lived  
the whole time I was with you,  
from the first day I came  
into the province of Asia.*

Paul's integrity  
over the years of  
ministry among  
these men proves  
his authority.

##### Verse 19

2) *I served the Lord  
with great humility  
and with tears  
and in the midst of severe testing  
by the plots of my Jewish opponents.*

Paul's servant heart  
proves his love for  
Christ.

##### Verse 20

3) *You know that I have  
not hesitated (hypostello = timid/fear)  
to preach anything  
that would be helpful to you  
but have taught you publicly  
and from house to house.*

Paul's preaching  
openly and  
consistently  
despite the  
challenges

##### Verse 21

4) *I have declared to both Jews and Greeks  
that they must turn to God  
in repentance (metanoia = turn toward)  
and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

Paul did not  
show  
favoritism.  
Preached the  
gospel to all.

##### Verse 22

5) *"And now, [behold = emphatic tone]  
compelled [bound] by the Spirit,  
I am going to Jerusalem, (Acts 19:21)  
not knowing what will happen  
to me there.*

Paul is still  
following the path  
the Spirit has led  
him to follow –  
without fear.

##### Verse 23

6) *I only know that in every city  
the Holy Spirit warns me  
that prison and hardships are facing me.*

##### Verse 24

*However,  
7) I consider my life worth nothing to me;  
my only aim is to finish the race  
and complete the task  
the Lord Jesus has given me—  
the task of testifying to the good news  
of God's grace.*

There is no more profound statement made by Paul. His absolute dedication to the purposes of God.

Paul has  
known that  
hardship was  
coming.

Paul's life is  
not his own  
– entire  
purpose is  
to do the  
work of  
God!

##### Verse 25

*Now I know [Behold]  
that none of you  
among whom I have gone about preaching  
the kingdom  
will ever see me again.*

##### Verse 26

8) *Therefore, I declare to you today  
that I am innocent (katharos =  
ceremonially pure/ethical purity)  
of the blood of any of you.*

Paul declares his  
pure conscience  
after years of  
service. He can  
stand before God  
pure.

##### Verse 27

9) *For I have not hesitated  
to proclaim to you  
the whole will (boule = entire counsel)  
of God.*

Paul was not afraid  
to express the  
complete purposes  
of God for all.

##### Verse 28

Paul Presents Six Admonitions for These Elders:

- 1) Keep watch over yourselves – You integrity is vital!
- 2) and all the flock – Your flock is your responsibility!  
of which the Holy Spirit  
has made you overseers. (episkopos = bishops)
- 3) Be shepherds (poimino = pastor) – Your flock is worth it!  
of the church of God,  
which he bought with his own blood.

Verse 29

4) *I know that after I leave, - Be wise about leaders!*  
*savage wolves will come in among you*  
*and will not spare the flock.*

Verse 30

*Even from your own number*  
*men will arise*  
*and distort the truth*

[speaking perverse things] (diastrepho = turn aside/corrupt)  
*in order to draw away*  
*disciples after them.* (turning people to  
themselves for their own gain)

Verse 31

5) *So be on your guard!* (gregoreo = strict attention) – *stay*  
*awake!*

6) *Remember that for three years – don't forget!*  
*I never stopped warning each of you*  
*night and day with tears.*

Verse 32

*“Now I commit you to God*  
*and to the word (logos) of his grace (charis) ,*  
*which can build you up (oikodomeo = build the house)*  
*and give you an inheritance [eternal blessings]*  
*among all those who are sanctified. (hagios)*

Paul states the entire picture in one verse! God and His word  
through grace can build up our house and give us the hope of  
heaven along with those who are working for holiness!

Verse 33

10) *I have not coveted anyone's*  
*silver or gold or clothing.*

Verse 34

*You yourselves know*  
*that these hands of mine*  
*have supplied my own needs*  
*and the needs of my companions.*

Paul was not  
beholden to  
anyone for support  
so he remained  
free to speak to all  
men without fear.  
He was an  
independent  
contractor which  
proves his ministry  
was not built on  
self interest.

Verse 35

*In everything I did,*  
*I showed you that by this kind of hard work*  
(kopiao = exhausting labor)

*we must help the weak,*  
*remembering the words*  
*the Lord Jesus himself said:*

*‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”*

This word from Christ is “unrecorded” in the Gospels.

Verse 36

*When Paul had finished speaking,*  
*he knelt down with all of them*  
*and prayed.*

Verse 37

*They all wept as they embraced him*  
*and kissed him.*

Verse 38

*What grieved them most*  
*was his statement that they would*  
*never see his face again.*  
*Then they accompanied him to the ship.*