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**“Paul Prophecies His Future For Proclaiming
The Fullness Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!”**

Acts 20:17-27

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From **Miletus** He (Paul) sent to **Ephesus** and called for the **Elders of the Church**. And when **They** had come to **Him**, He said to **Them**: “**You** know, from the first day that **I** came to **Asia**, in what Manner I Always Lived ¹ among **You**, Serving the Lord with All Humility,” ² ...

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... “with many Tears and Trials ³ which happened to **Me** by the Plotting of the **Jews**; how **I** Kept Back Nothing that was Helpful, but Proclaimed it to **You**, ⁴ and Taught You Publicly and from House to House, Testifying to **Jews**, and also to **Greeks**, ⁵ Repentance toward God ^{5a} and Faith toward Our Lord Jesus Christ.” ^{5b} ...

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... “And see, now **I** go Bound in the Spirit to **Jerusalem**, ⁶ not knowing the things that will happen to **Me** there, except that the Holy Spirit Testifies (Prophecies) in every **City**, saying that Chains and Tribulations await **Me**.” ⁷ ...

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... “But none of these things move **Me**; nor do **I** count My Life dear to **Myself**, so that **I** may Finish My Race with Joy, ⁸ and the Ministry which **I** received from the **Lord Jesus**, ⁹ to Testify to the Gospel of the Grace of God.” ^{9a} ...

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... “And indeed, now **I** know that **You All**, among **Whom I** have gone Preaching the Kingdom of God, ^{9b} will see My Face no more! Therefore, **I** Testify ¹⁰ to **You** this day that **I** am Innocent of the Blood of All Men. ^{10a} For **I** have not shunned to Declare to **You** the Whole Counsel of God. ^{9ab}

Acts 20:17-27 (NKJV)

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REVIEW!

Paul Had Left Ephesus For Jerusalem Via A Revisiting Plan of Existing Churches In: Athens, Corinth, Achaia, Berea, Thessalonica, Philippi, Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Samos, Tropylium, & Miletus. From Miletus He Awaited The Ephesian Church Leaders.

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**“Why Did He Feel The Need To Summon The Full Ephesian Church Elders
When He Just Was With Them For A Continual 2.5 Years,
& Had Only Left Them About 3 Months Ago?”**

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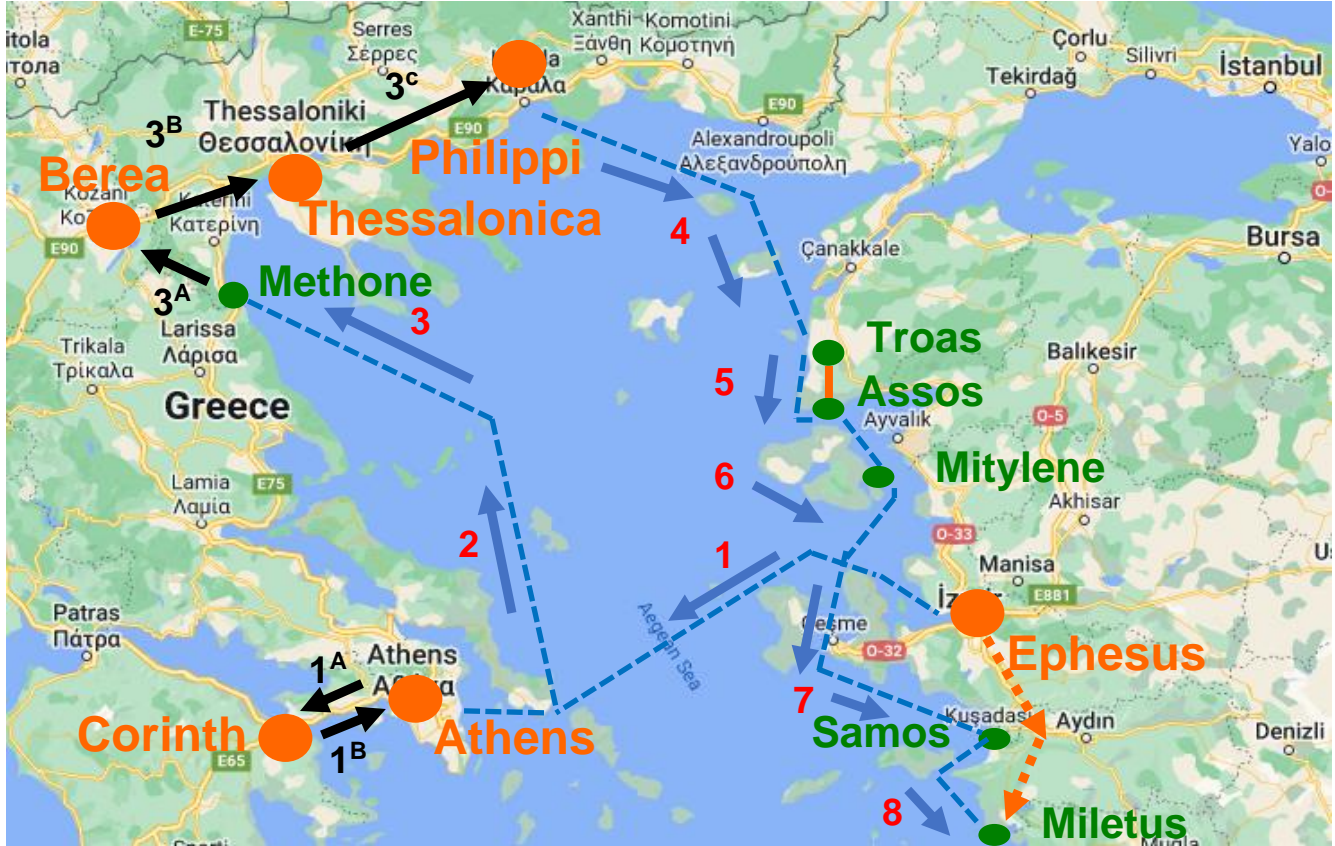
**The Holy Spirit Had Shown Him The Urgency & Need
For The 2nd Impromptu Visit In A Divine Vision!**

From **Miletus** He (Paul) sent to **Ephesus** and called for the **Elders of the Church** ... Acts 20:17

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Leaving Ephesus For Jerusalem Via The Existing Churches & Meeting Back With Ephesian Church Leaders



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Paul's Final Speech To The Ephesians
 "Paul's Last Will & Testament To Us Today!"

Acts 20:18:35

SEE HANDOUT

Outline of Speech

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|---|----------|
| I. Reminder Of Past Dealings | (18-21) |
| A. Living In Humility & Service | (18-19a) |
| B. Persecution & Proclamation | (19b-20) |
| 1. Openly & Privately | |
| C. Testifying To All Alike | (21) |
| 1. Repentance By Faith | |
| II. Foreshadowing Of Persecution & Imprisonment | (22-23) |
| A. Jerusalem & Rome | |
| III. Personal Cost of Testifying to Gospel | (24) |
| IV. Prophecy & Farewell | (25) |
| V. Last Will & Testament | (26-27) |
| VI. Charge To The Church Elders | (28-31) |
| A. Be Alert & Guard As Shepherds | (28) |
| B. Unbelievers – Wolves Will Come From Outside | (29) |
| C. Imposters – Wolves In Sheep's Clothing Will Arise From Within | (30) |
| D. Be Watchful & Give Warning To All In The Flock | (31) |
| VII. Final Farewell | (32-35) |
| A. Commendation Of Grace, Holiness, & Inheritance Of Eternal Life | (32) |
| B. Provide For Yourself In Order To Serve & Save Others | (33-35a) |
| C. Admonition To Serve & Give & Not Be Served & Receive | (35b) |

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Scope Of The 1st half Of Paul's Message
Acts 20:18:27

- I. Reminder Of Past Dealings (18-21)
 - A. Living In Humility & Service (18-19a)
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- IV. Prophecy & Farewell (25)
- V. Last Will & Testament (26-27)

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“What Is Important At The End Of Our Life's Journey As Christians?”

A

To Be Able To Give A Good Confession & Report Of Our Dealings
In This Life To Other Christians & To Christ At The Final Judgment

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- I. Reminder Of Past Dealings (18-21)
 - A. Living In Humility & Service (18-19a)
 - B. Persecution & Proclamation (19b-20)
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 - C. Testifying To All Alike (21)
 - 1. Repentance By Faith

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And when **They** had come to **Him**, **He** said to **Them**: *“You know, from the first day that I came to **Asia**, in what Manner I Always Lived ¹ among **You**, Serving the Lord with All Humility,” ² with many Tears and Trials ³ which happened to **Me** by the Plotting of the **Jews;**” ...*

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... *“How I Kept Back Nothing that was Helpful, but Proclaimed it to **You**, ⁴ and Taught You Publicly and from House to House, Testifying to **Jews**, and also to **Greeks**, ⁵ Repentance toward **God** ^{5a} and Faith toward Our **Lord Jesus Christ.” ^{5b} Acts 20:18-21***

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Q

“Why Is It Important To Be Alert & Strong In The Spirit?”

A

So, We May Be Ready At All Times, Even In Extended Times Of Persecution,
To Present The Fullness Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

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- II. Foreshadowing of Persecution & Imprisonment (22-23)
 - A. Jerusalem & Rome

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1st in Jerusalem

*“And see, now I go Bound in the Spirit to **Jerusalem**, ⁶ not knowing the things that will happen to **Me** there, except that the **Holy Spirit** Testifies (Prophecies) in every **City**, saying that Chains and Tribulations await **Me.**” ⁷ Acts 20:22-23*

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2nd in Rome

When these things were accomplished, **Paul Purposed in the Spirit**, when **He** had passed rough **Macedonia** and **Achaia**, to go to **Jerusalem**, saying, “**After I have been There, I must also see Rome.**”
Acts 19:21

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**“What Should We Consider Before Committing Our Lives
To The Care & Service Of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ?”**

A

Consider The Cost In This Life Of Being Obedient To God's Mission!

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III. Personal Cost of Testifying to Gospel (24)

“But none of these things move Me; nor do I count My Life dear to Myself, so that I may Finish My Race with Joy,⁸ and the Ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus,⁹ to Testify to the Gospel of the Grace of God.”^{9a}
Acts 20:24

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Paul Considered The Cost Of Placing His Life & Service In Jesus' Keeping!

See: **2nd Corinthians 4:7-12, 6:4-10, & 12:9-10; Philippians 2:12-18, & 3:7-17; & Colossians 1:24-29**

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Paul Writes, “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus My Lord, for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him,” ...

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... “Not having my own righteousness, which is from the Law, but that which is through Faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by Faith; that I may know Him and the Power of His Resurrection, and the Fellowship of His Sufferings, being Conformed to His Death, if, by any means, I may attain to the Resurrection from the Dead.” ...

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... “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the Goal for the Prize of the Upward Call of God in Christ Jesus.” ...

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**... “Therefore Let Us, as Many as Are Mature, Have This Mind; and if in Anything You Think Otherwise, God Will Reveal even this to You. Nevertheless, to the Degree That We Have Already Attained, Let Us Walk by the Same Rule, Let Us Be of the Same Mind. Brethren, Join in Following My Example, and note Those Who So Walk, as You Have Us for a Pattern.”
Philippians 3:7-17**

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Paul Considered Our Christian Service & Mission To Be Like Running A Long-Distance Race!

See: **1st Corinthians 9:23-27; Galatians 2:2; Philippians 2:12-18; 2nd Timothy 4:1-8; & Hebrews 12:1-4**

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Paul Admonishes, “I Charge You therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who Will Judge the Living and the Dead at His Appearing and His Kingdom: Preach the Word!¹ Be Ready In Season and Out of Season.² Convince,³ Rebuke,⁴ Exhort,⁵ with All Longsuffering⁶ and Teaching.”⁷ ...

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... “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the Truth, and be turned aside to Fables.” ...

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... “But **You** be Watchful in All Things, ^{1a} Endure Afflictions, ^{1b} Do the Work of an Evangelist, ^{1c} Fulfill Your Ministry. ¹ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of My departure is at hand. ¹ I have Fought the Good Fight, ^{1a} I have Finished the Race, ^{1b} I have Kept the Faith.” ^{1c} ...

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... “Finally, there is Laid Up for Me the Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, Will Give to Me on that Day, and not to Me Only but also to All Who Have Loved His Appearing!”
2nd Timothy 4:1

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Q

“What Is The Gift of Life & Prophecy Given To Us For?”

A

To Preach The Kingdom of God Is At Hand With A Great Sense Of Urgency!

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IV. Prophecy & Farewell

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“And indeed, now I know that **You All**, among **Whom I** have gone **Preaching the Kingdom of God**, ^{9b} will see **My Face** no more!
Acts 20:25

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Q

“What Should Our Last Will & Testament Be Before God & Man?”

A

That We Have Shared All That God Has Shared With Us
Concerning The Salvation Of All Men,
According To The Loving Heart & Good Will Of God In Jesus Christ Our Lord!

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V. Last Will & Testament

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Therefore, **I Testify** ¹⁰ to **You** this day that **I am Innocent of the Blood of All Men**. ^{10a}
For **I** have not shunned to Declare to **You** the **Whole Counsel of God**. ^{9ab} Acts 20:26-27

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“Let Us The True Disciples & Followers Of God,
Continue To Count The Cost & Pay Whatever Is Necessary,
For The Sake Of The Gospel & Kingdom Of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.
For Our Lord Taught Us This Parable Concerning This Life & Our Mission!”

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Jesus Taught Us, Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them (who followed after Him): “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” ...

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... “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it, lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’” ...

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... *“Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My Disciple!”* [Luke 14:25-33](#)

Let Us Ponder This Song & Its Words As We Close This Service!

YouTube Link With Lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUN1-iBJPes>

YouTube Link Without Lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8efuj6lw3s>

“Consider The Cost”

By

Steve Camp

Verse 1

To obey is better than sacrifice
And the hearken than the fat of rams
For what will a man give for his own life
Houses or money or land
There's a way that seems right to you
But in the end it leads only to death
But come unto Him all ye weary
Come and find your rest

Chorus 1

Consider the cost of building a tower
It's a narrow way that you must come
For to do the will of the Father
Is to follow the Son
To love Him more than father or mother
You will love Him more than even your own
flesh
To give all that you are, for all that He is
This is the gospel according to Jesus

Verse 2

Many will say, “Lord, Lord” on that day
Look what we've done in Your Name!
Oh, we've prophesied and performed many
miracles
And Lord, even the demons obeyed!”
Then He will declare unto them
The most terrifying words of truth
He'll say, “Depart from me ye workers of
iniquity
For I have never known you!”

Chorus 2

Consider the cost of building a tower
It's a narrow way that you must come
For to do the will of the Father
Is to follow the Son
We love Him more than father or mother
We love Him more than even your own flesh
To give all that you are, for all that He is
This is the gospel according to Jesus

Verse 3

Oh, foolish man, how you built on the sand
Trusting in your goodness to save
For when the rains fall and the flood breaks
the wall
You will be swept away
But blessed is he who builds on the Rock
Who takes Jesus as Lord to save
For when the rain falls, he will endure it all
Standing firm in His grace

Chorus 3

Consider the cost of building a tower
It's a narrow way that you must come
For to do the will of the Father
Is to follow the Son
We love Him more than father or mother
We love Him more than even your own flesh
To give all that you are, for all that He is
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