

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. —Acts 20:16 ESV

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¹⁷Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

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¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

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²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.

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²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.” —Acts 20:17-25 ESV

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³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship. —Acts 20:36-38 ESV

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Gospel-Centered Relationships Focus on...

Serving the Lord With Humility
and Intensity Acts 20:18-19

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Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.
—I Corinthians 4:2 ESV

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“When the preferences of the church members are greater than their passion for the Gospel, the church is dying.” —Thom Rainer

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“The more you are driven by what others owe you rather than by what you owe them in love and service, the less lowly you are.” —John Piper

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Gospel-Centered Relationships Focus on...
 Speaking Truth With Honesty
 and Love Acts 20:20-21

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“...declaring to you anything that
 was profitable...” —Acts 20:20a ESV

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Two Words:
 Repentance and Faith

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“You can’t be saved until you
 turn from sin; salvation has got
 to be changing your mind from
 living unto sin to living unto
 God. That is what it is; it is
 conversion.” —John MacArthur

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“Telling people to believe without
 calling people to repent is dishonest.
 Jesus is not an accessory to your
 salvation; He is the absolute
 necessity because of your
 condition before God apart from
 His saving work for us.”

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“I tell you; but unless you repent,
 you will all likewise perish.”
 —Luke 13:3 ESV

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Repentance is...

- An Intellectual Thing
- An Emotional Thing
- A Volitional Thing

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Faith is commitment to,
dependence upon and hope in
Christ's work for us.

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By faith Noah, being warned by
God concerning events as yet
unseen, in reverent fear constructed
an ark for the saving of his
household. By this he condemned
the world and became an heir of
the righteousness that comes by
faith. —Hebrews 11:7 ESV

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Gospel-Centered Relationships Focus on...
Striving Amid Uncertainty and
Adversity Acts 20:22-24

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But I do not account my life of
any value nor as precious to
myself, if only I may finish my
course and the ministry that I
received from the Lord Jesus,
to testify to the gospel of the
grace of God. —Acts 20:24 ESV

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I have fought the good fight, I have
finished the race, I have kept the faith.
—2 Timothy 4:7 ESV

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