

- Acts 20:17-38

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- “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of

repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 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. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay careful attention to *yourselves* and to *all the flock*, in which the Holy Spirit has *made you overseers, to care for the church* of God, which *he obtained with his own blood*. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who

were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

- 36 And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 38 being 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.
- 2 Samuel 23:1-4
- Now these are the last words of David:
- The oracle of David, the son of Jesse,
- the oracle of the man who was raised on high,
- the anointed of the God of Jacob,
- the sweet psalmist of Israel:
- 2 “The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me;
- his word is on my tongue.
- 3 The God of Israel has spoken;
- the Rock of Israel has said to me:
- When one rules justly over men,
- ruling in the fear of God,
- 4 he dawns on them like the morning light,
- like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,
- like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

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- On Paul's second missionary journey, right after being stoned and left for dead it says this:
(Acts 14:23, ESV)
23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
- v28 "pay careful attention to the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers"
- Acts 20:18-20
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- 1 Timothy 4:11-13
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
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- Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to *yourselves* and to *all the flock*, in which the Holy Spirit has *made you overseers*, to *care for the church* of God, which *he obtained with his own blood*.
- John 10:11- I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.