

# The Book of Acts

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<sup>17</sup> Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup> And 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, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> 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.

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1. Examining the passage, what kinds of words does Paul use to describe his service to the Lord?
2. How would *you* define the word, “testify”?
3. Summarize this weekend’s message by jotting down below a definition of what ministry should look like.
4. Take your answer from #2, and refine it to a place where an 8-year old could understand it.
5. Consider again **Acts 20:20**. How does this verse describe Paul’s method for ministry? How is his method different from today?
6. What specifics of the gospel message are you personally tempted to not speak of? What do you find most difficult to share with others?
7. It is clear from this text, that Paul wanted to finish well. What did he strive to do in order to accomplish this (**Acts 20:24**; **2 Timothy 4:7**; and **1 Corinthians 9:18-23**)?
8. Over these past several months where have you seen shades of self-preservation? In contrast, where have you seen God bring about an increased self-awareness?
9. What kinds of things do you anticipate “losing” from your life if you began to speak the Gospel message with the same measure of boldness as the Apostle Paul? How willing are you to lose those things?