

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER 20:1-16

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TITLE:

The Apostles Farewell Address - PART 1

BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

THEME:

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and "you shall be witnesses to Me" in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Time Magazine was Assigned to cover the last week of President Reagan's Presidency... so impressed were they that they researched U.S. history to find out if there had ever been a more loving and compassionate reaction from the Presidential staff, not to mention a classier protocol.

TIME Magazine January 30, 1989

Never in 200 years has there been such an affectionate farewell from the nation and from the White House staff, such a graceful and noble transfer of authority and such pageantry unmarred by national turmoil, even the winter weather gave respect. It was an impressionable class act from the President and from the Nation as it bid farewell to its oldest President.

I hate Good-bye's...

I start thinking about it days in advance. I start looking at Lisa or the Girls or one of you, knowing that either I will be leaving or you will be leaving...

- **I will not apologize** for the passion or the emotion that might come from this pulpit while teaching on this 20th Chapter
- **Paul had a Passion** for the Church, not yet perfect, not yet attaining, not yet complete, yet his love for the body is as Jesus' love is today!

Colossians 2:5

For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

- **Paul spoke about the Christian** life being full of the Logos, Ethos, Pathos

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word (Logos)... Be ready (Ethos) in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, (Pathos) with all longsuffering and teaching. :3 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; :4 and they will turn away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables

All Of This Leads To A Love For His People

Peter's Lesson

"Peter, If you love me, Feed my sheep."

2 Corinthians 11:28

**besides the other things, what comes upon me daily:
my deep concern for all the churches.**

Philippians 4:11

for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:
a great verse to have on the back of a motor home

The Cycle of Spiritual Life *Joy then Discouragement, then Joy and then Discouragement
Victory then Trial, followed by Victory then Trial*

Chapter 20 can be *summed up in one verse,*

Acts 20:24

"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, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

A.) The Apostles Farewell Journey

vv. 1-6

First of All, There Are (2) Ways

That We can Leave an Impression from Verses 1-6

#1 Impressions are made by Our Actions

vv. 1

Leaving a Lasting Impression @ Ephesus

Verse 1

Paul caring about *the body... stayed on to encourage them*

* **Embraced** GRK 782 **aspazomai** (as-pad'-zom-ahee)
to enfold or to ensconce in the arms, to kiss

Leaving them a picture-Impression

~~~~ The Power of a Photograph ~~~~

### What Kind of an Impression are we Leaving Behind?

When we leave... what condition do we leave those in around us ?

When Jesus Left, *He Left us ; #1 His example to follow and #2 the Holy Spirit to empower.*

John 16:7

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

### Jesus Has Left the Holy Spirit, to make an (Impression) within us

2 Corinthians 1:21

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, :22 who also has **sealed** (embossed, stamped, signed,) us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** (embossed, stamped, signed,) for the day of redemption.

#2 Impressions are made by Our Words vv. 2-3

*Leaving a Lasting Impression (Consistency)*

Verse 2-3

Paul was known as the Ambassador of Grace

\* **encouraged** GRK 3870 parakaleo (par-ak-al-eh'-o)  
to call near, invitation to be comforted, to beseech.

My Mother knew how to beseech us kids...  
to beg you to come to a blessing (FOOD)

The Same Appears;

**Matthew 5:4**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be **comforted**.

**1 Thessalonians 4:18**

Therefore **encourage/comfort** one another with these words

**"with many words"**

**WITH A LOT OF INSTRUCTION, GUIDANCE, AND DIRECTION**

*"Comb your hair, tuck in your shirt, stand-up straight...  
get your finger out of your nose"*

**remember to pray, stay in the Bible,**

**Eph 6:10-18**

**O' and Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--**

## Verse 6

The Journey took (5) *days rather than the (1) day recorded in Acts 16*  
*Why... they were bearing a blessing - opposition again !*

You can be right in the middle of the Lord's will...  
but in the midst of a storm !!!

### Mark 4:36

Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. :37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. :38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

(Jesus was in the Boat too)

### Mark 4:35

On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them,  
**"Let us cross over to the other side."**

## B.) The Apostles Farewell Service

*vv. 7-12*

*Now, There Are (3) Things Listed here in Verses 7-12  
that Reinforce the Impressions that we make*

#1 Impressions are made by Our Faithfulness vv. 7

*A Pattern to the Service*

## Verse 7

Note Sequence;

- THEY MET ON THE LORD'S DAY
- WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE
- TO HAVE THE LORD'S SUPPER THEN...

## The Word of the Lord was Given

The Lord's Day, *Sunday, The First day of the Week*

Romans 14:4-5

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. :5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

Colossians 2:16

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, :17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

*If Saturn's-Day, is your day of worship, be patient...  
We may need to add a forth Sunday Morning Service - On Saturday Night*

**A Communion Service** - *maybe all of these believers had never seen Jesus nor heard of Him prior to being preached to them... but they longed for him.*

Luke 22:19

And Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

## They Couldn't Get Close Enough to Him

Luke 24:30

**Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. :31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their**

### Verse 8

## Many Lights

**#1** *Because the worship of Diana was known to take place in very dark, dimly lit rooms as they practiced their orgies.*

**#2** *The Christians were also being accused of being sexually immoral and pagan because they talked about love & eating flesh and drinking blood.*

## Turn on the Lights, Let em' See

### Verse 9

- THEY MET ON THE LORD'S DAY
- WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE
- TO HAVE THE LORD'S SUPPER THEN...
- TO HAVE THE LORD'S WORD...
  
- BUT THEY SAW THE LORD'S POWER !!!

\* **Eutuchos** GRK (yoo'-too-khos)

fortunate; Eutychus, a young man

**the word used for young man means from the age of 8-14 years of age**

he was **S**inking and then was **O**vercome

the Greek language suggests that "he fought as long as he could only to slip away"

### Give Him an 'A' for being There

Christians who have insomnia - fall fast asleep in church  
but they seem to be healed just in time for that morning fishing trip or late-night  
bowling tournament or movie.

#2 Impressions are made by Our Confidence vv. 10

When Jesus is at Work, Confidence runs High

**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. *Philippians 4:13***

### Verse 11-12

#3 Impressions are made by Our Enthusiasm vv. 11-12

Paul was Excited to talk about God...

John 20:20

Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were **glad** when they saw the Lord.

### At The crowning of King Solomon...

1 Kings 1:40

And all the people went up after him; and the people played the flutes and **rejoiced** with great joy, so that the earth seemed to split with their sound.

### At the Healing of the Crippled Woman...

Luke 13:17

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude **rejoiced** for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

## Paul was found talking with the people and enjoyed being with the People

- Where do you find Jesus in the Scripture?  
around people just like us...
- Where do you find the self-righteous?  
with themselves and among themselves

2 Corinthians 10:12

those who measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

## C.) Paul's Farewell Thoughts

vv. 13-16

### Paul Takes a 25 mile Walk...

His 3rd and Final Missionary Venture is nearing its end



There's a Breeze beginning to blow in his heart...  
The Season is changing... Paul's work is nearly done

- The Churches are Growing in Depth & Number
- The Gospel is being Advanced Mightily
- The Ministry is Expanding unto Others
- The Greatest Pastor who ever lived is thinking about what will happen to the believers after his death...

## The Apostles Farewell Address to His Friends

John 15:15

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

John 17:1

Jesus spoke these words, **lifting up His eyes to heaven**, (what effect does that have upon you) and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

## With His eyes lifted up toward heaven

Isn't it great when you *hear something that someone has said about you to someone else... and it's good !!! - isn't it great!!!*

## With His eyes lifted up toward heaven

John 17:3

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **with His eyes are lifted up toward heaven** :6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. **with His eyes are lifted up toward heaven** :11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

John 10:27

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

He's Talking About You !!!

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

What Impression do you have of Jesus today...

**With Your eyes lifted up toward heaven**