

Fond Farewell Acts 20 (Pg. 1025)

After 13 years of traveling, Paul and his companions sense that it is time for the next chapter of ministry. They had endured persecution, seen extraordinary miracles, encountered intense spiritual warfare, been delivered from prison, seen multitudes come to faith... Paul is compelled to go to Rome to share the Gospel.

A. Troas 20:6-12

Details from the earliest recorded description of a Christian worship service:

- first** day of the week (7)
- to break bread (7)
- Paul “dialogued” with the people(7)
- talked until midnight (7)
- great **comfort** (12)

B. Miletus with the Ephesian Elders 20:17-38

1. Paul’s Testimony

- a. I have **served** the Lord with all **humility**, with tears, and through the trials that came to me.

b. I have **taught** without holding anything back.

c. I am going to **finish strong**.

Bound, constrained, compelled: Single-minded devotion to his one life’s purpose.

2 Timothy 4:7

2. Final Charge

a. Be on guard. Attacks from without. Attacks from within.

Episkopos- overseers, v.28

Presbyteros- elders, v.17

Poimainō- **shepherd**, v.28

b. God is able to sustain you.

The God who saved you by His grace will sanctify you by His **grace**.
Philippians 1:6

c. Self-vindication.

3. Prayer

“And now I commit you to God and to the message of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified.”

-Acts 20:32