

THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 20:13-38 | LESSON SUMMARY

Tearful Goodbye

ACTS 20:3, "But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land."

(ESV)

- Paul meets up with group at Assos
- They travel to Mitylene
- Then to Samos, and after that to Miletus
- Paul sails past Ephesus in order to make it to Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost
 - He calls the elders of Ephesus to meet him in Miletus

A Warning

ACTS 20:18, "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 ..."

..." (ESV)

- Humility & tears (verse 19)
- Enduring trials and plots (verse 19)
- Preaching and testifying boldly (verse 20-21)
- Obeying completely, even when the Holy Spirit tells him of impending persecution (verse 22-23)



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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. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock..." (ESV)

- Threats from outside
- And from within (verse 30)

ACTS 20:37-38, "And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, 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."

- Paul lives what he teaches
 - He has lived without material possessions and points this out
- Paul is deeply relational and vulnerable with his emotions

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: R. Kent Hughes, *The Church Afire*, *The Book of Acts*, Zondervan, Holman Bible Atlas, *Acts: Archeological Study Bible*

