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Acts of the Apostles

November 3, 2024

Acts 10:32 – Now I commit **YOU** to **God & to the Word of His Grace**

which can build you up and
give you an inheritance among
ALL those who are sanctified.



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Paul raises Eutychus to life
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Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then <i>RETURN</i>
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home
Oct 13	17	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	<i>Down on the Corner</i>	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	<i>Never Enough</i>	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x “The Way”
Nov 3	20-21	<i>Top of the World</i>	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	Witness	Paul—Roman Citizen, Sanhedrin, to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

As Paul is HUNTED through eastern Roman Empire – East Europe today

At Miletus – he bids them Farewell ... knowing he will NEVER

see them again

Paul is HUNTED
by
Wild Dogs



Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen

8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon

9 Conversion of Paul

10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets



13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome

13 – 14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas

15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem

15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul

18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul

21:17 – 23 Paul Off to Jerusalem & Arrested

24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to Rome

You are **HERE**

**END of 3rd
Journey**

13:1 – 14:28	Paul's <i>FIRST</i> Missionary Journey
13:1-12	Cyprus
13:13-52	Pisidia Antioch
14:1-7	Iconium
14:8-28	Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch
15:1-35	Jerusalem & First Church Council
15:36 – 18:22	Paul's <i>SECOND</i> Missionary Journey
15:36 – 16:10	Antioch to Troas
16:11-40	Troas to Philippi
17:1-34	Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens
18:1-22	Athens to Corinth – then Home to Antioch
18:23 – 21:16	Paul's <i>THIRD</i> Missionary Journey
18:23 – 19:41	Ephesian Pentecost & Miraculous Healing
20:1 – 21:16	Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth . . . Miletus
21:17 – 28:31	Paul in Route to & in Rome
21:17 – 23:35	In Jerusalem
24:1 – 26:32	In Caesarea
27:1 – 28:15	Voyage to Rome
28:16-31	Ministry in Rome

Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders & others at Miletus ...

Gordon Lightfoot wrote this ballad in 1976 ...
*rolls into a **Last Farewell** from the COOK*

The legend lives on from the Chippewa on down
Of the big lake they call Gitche Gumee

The lake, it is said, never gives up her dead
When the skies of November turn gloomy

With a load of iron ore 26,000 tons more
Than the Edmund Fitzgerald weighed empty

That good ship & true was a bone to be chewed
When the gales of November came early



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In spite of countless beatings &
assassination attempts ...
Paul's struggles WILL get worse
This MAY be the last time ...
or LAST Era of his life in
Pure Sweet Fellowship

Acts 18:23, Paul off on his 3rd Missionary Journey

Single verse 23 Paul leaves Antioch ... crosses interior of Galatia & Phrygia to Ephesus – **800+ Miles**

18:24-28, Aquila & Priscilla tutor Apollos in Ephesus



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800+ Miles – No News



- 20:1-6 Paul—Ephesus to Macedonia & Achaia
- 20:7-12 Paul to Troas ... Revives Eutychus
- 20:13-17 Paul to Miletus ... Calls for Ephesian Elders

20:18-35 Paul's Farewell Message at Miletus

- 20:18-21 Farewell—Paul's Humility ... *You Know How I Lived*
- 20:22-24 Farewell—Paul's Commitment ... Hardship, Finish the Race
- 20:25-31 Farewell—Paul's Concern ... I'm Innocent, Beware of Wolves
- 20:32-35 Farewell—Paul's Commendation ... More Blessed to Give
- 20:36-38 **All Wept** ... Knowing They Would **Never** See Him Again



A Key Verse – Acts 20:32

**Now I commit YOU to God &
to the Word of His Grace,
which can build you up and
give you an inheritance among
ALL those who are sanctified.**



Practical Key Verse – Acts 20:38

**What grieved them most
was his statement that
they would *never*
see his face again**



Alternate Title

The Last Farewell



Alternate Title #2

Your Last Living Words?

I mean ... *if you are given the chance*



Great Philosopher Hagär the Horrible And his friend Lucky Eddie ... on a quest



Fortunate is he who **CAN** set his affairs in order
Before he leaves ...

Fortunate is the one who **CAN** give a **Last Farewell**

20:1-6 ... Paul leaves Ephesus

2 He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece

Stays three months ... goes thru Macedonia.

A group of fine men join him:

- ✓ **Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea**
- ✓ **Aristarchus & Secundus from Thessalonica**
- ✓ **Gaius from Derbe, Timothy, Tychicus, and**
- ✓ **Trophimus from the province of Asia.**

Paul is THE Largest Theological FREIGHTER of the Church

Ferrying the Golden Ore of the Kingdom over East Europe



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Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders

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Paul – indomitable, faces the north winds of INJUSTICE

As the big freighters go, it was bigger than most
With a crew and good captain well seasoned

Concluding some terms w a couple of steel firms
When they left fully loaded for Cleveland

And later that night when the ship's bell rang
Could it be the north wind they'd been feelin'?

The wind in the wires made a tattle-tale sound
And a wave broke over the railing

And every man knew, as the captain did too
T'was the witch of November come stealin'



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At this time, Paul is the **BIGGEST**
theological **FREIGHTER** ... ferrying
Golden Ore from shore to shore

All the others, Jew, Pagan, Secular ...
Have set their cannon to sink Paul

20:1-6 ... Paul leaves Ephesus

⁵ These men went on ahead and waited for us at Troas.

⁶ But WE sailed from Philippi ... later joined the others at Troas, where WE stayed seven days.

“WE” again ...
Luke rejoins them

WONDER about **ALL** that Paul said & taught

Quite a lot of travel in Three Missionary Journeys:

1st 1,300 miles *by land* AD 45-47 2 yrs

2nd 2,700 miles *1,400 land* AD 51-54 3 yrs

3rd 2,500+ miles *1,350 land* AD 54-58 4 yrs

1,600 miles (2/3) into 3rd Journey = total 5,600 miles so far



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On 2nd Missionary Journey ... Paul grabs
his pen: 1 & 2 Thessalonians from Corinth

3rd Missionary Journey ...

1 Corinthians maybe written from Ephesus

2 Corinthians maybe Macedonia
or Philippi before going to Troas

Galatians from Greece

Romans ... maybe while in Corinth

these letters ... written during a lot of travel

REFINED thoughts of 1,000s of hours of teaching

GUESS ... what percent? We'll never know!

Paul's letters MAYBE 15% of his teaching



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A Chronology of Paul's Writings

1st Missionary Journey (45 - 47 A.D.)

No books were written

2nd Missionary Journey (51 - 54 A.D.)

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| 1. | 1 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |
| 2. | 2 Thessalonians | (52 - 53 A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

3rd Missionary Journey (54 - 58 A.D.)

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| 3. | 1 Corinthians | (Spring, 57 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |
| 4. | 2 Corinthians | (Autumn, 57 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 5. | Galatians | (Winter, 57 A.D.) | Written from Greece |
| 6. | Romans | (Spring 58, A.D.) | Written from Corinth |

First Roman Imprisonment (61 - 63 A.D.)

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| 7. | Philemon | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 8. | Colossians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 9. | Ephesians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
| 10. | Philippians | (61 or 62 A.D.) | Written from Rome |

Between First & Second Imprisonments (63 - 67 A.D.)

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| 11. | 1 Timothy | (67 A.D.) | Written from Macedonia |
| 12. | Titus | (67 A.D.) | Written from Ephesus |

Second Roman Imprisonment (68 A.D.)

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| 13. | 2 Timothy | (68 A.D.) | Written from Rome |
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*"I Paul have written it
with mine own hand"*

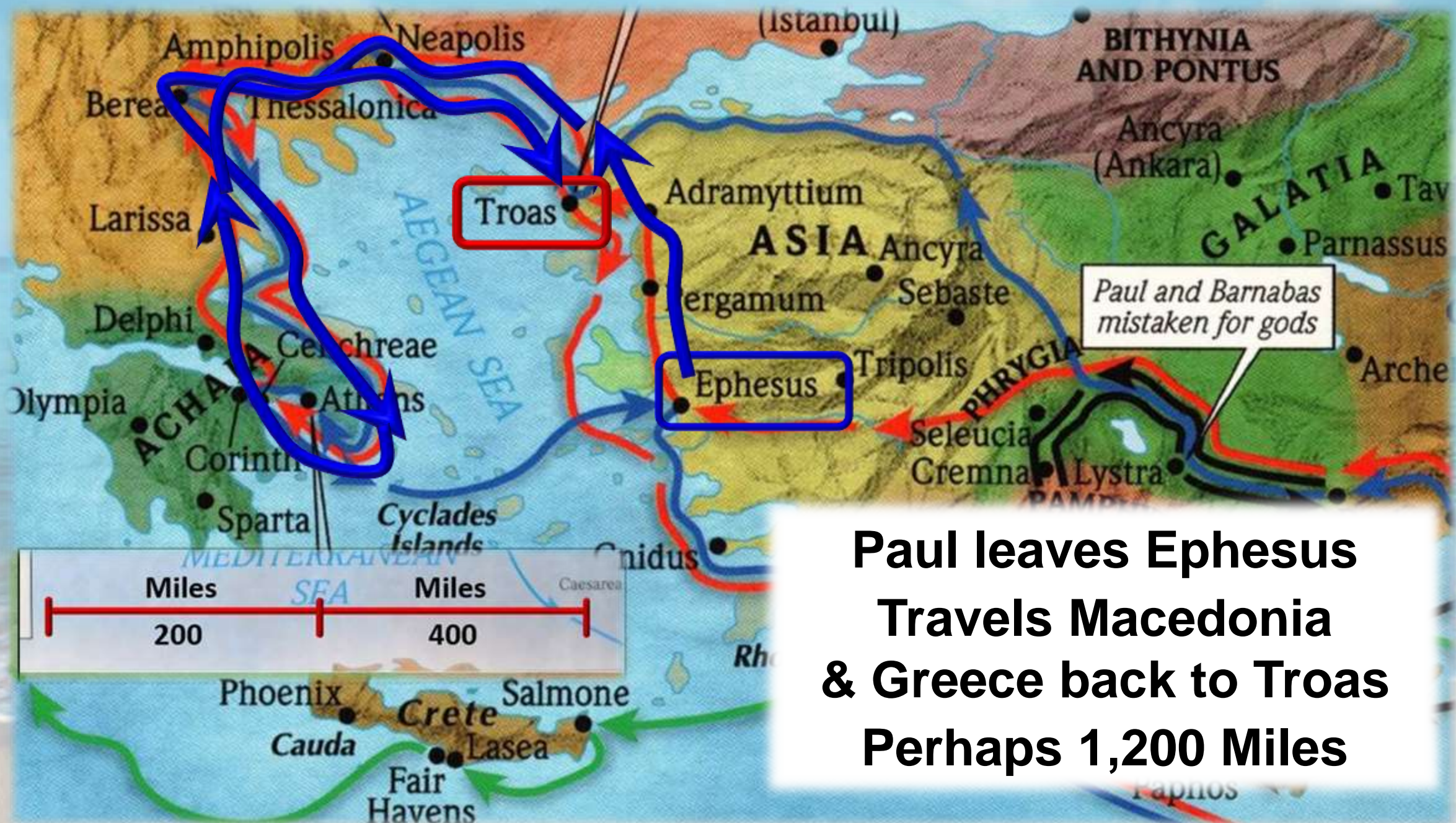
Philemon 19



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Maybe 15% of
Paul's teaching

NOTE: { It is believed by many that Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. If in fact he did, that would bring to 14 the total number of books of the New Testament written by this great soldier of the cross.



**Paul leaves Ephesus
Travels Macedonia
& Greece back to Troas
Perhaps 1,200 Miles**

Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders
Gordon Lightfoot wrote this ballad in 1976
Though most thankful to Luke for the Book of Acts
There is so much we do NOT know ...

The dawn came late & the breakfast had to wait
When the gales of November came slashin'

When afternoon came, it was freezin' rain
In the face of a hurricane west wind

When suppertime came,
the old cook came on deck sayin'
"Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya"



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At Miletus – Paul knows ...
THEY know, too, mostly ...

Paul has a one-way ticket ... for the
Kingdom's sake ... for **THEIR** sake
for the **CHURCH's** sake ...

This is their **LAST** day together ...
They will be on their **OWN**
Ship of their time together is at an end

20:7-12 Paul ... in TROAS ... revives Eutychus

⁷ On **FIRST** day of the week we
came together to break bread.

Paul spoke to the people **AND BECAUSE**
he intended to leave the next day,

kept on talking until MIDNIGHT.

FIRST Day! ... **FIRST** Mention of **Sunday**

Earliest reference to **Meeting on Sunday**

Miletus ... about 900+ miles from Jerusalem

“FIRST Day” – **Sunday** meetings travelled FAR in 20 yrs after Christ rose

Oh, wish Luke or Paul had told us more

Sunday has NOW become a regular meeting time



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On first day of the week in Troas ... breaking bread

7 Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day,

kept on talking until midnight.

Very descriptive ... lamps burning upstairs

Young Eutychus ... falls asleep & out the window

out of a 3rd story window picked up DEAD!

20:7 was picked up DEAD.

Remember Acts 14:19 ... Paul in Lystra

Or "Stoneville" ... he was stoned to near DEATH

They know DEATH ... near DEATH



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Many do believe that Eutychus **DIED**
that Paul raised him from the **DEAD**

in that case, and the text lends itself to that

Remember, some other times:

- ✓ Elijah raised widow's son 1 Kings 17
- ✓ Elisha raised the Shunammite's son 2 Kings 4
- ✓ Jesus raised a ruler's daughter Matt 9
- Jesus raised a widow's son Luke 7
- Jesus raised his friend Lazarus John 11

So – Paul raised Eutychus from the **DEAD**

Or – Paul woke Eutychus from a concussion

3-Story Fall ... SOME Healing!



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I'm inclined to believe Eutychus **DIED**

¹⁰ Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

¹¹ Then Paul went upstairs again and broke bread and ate.

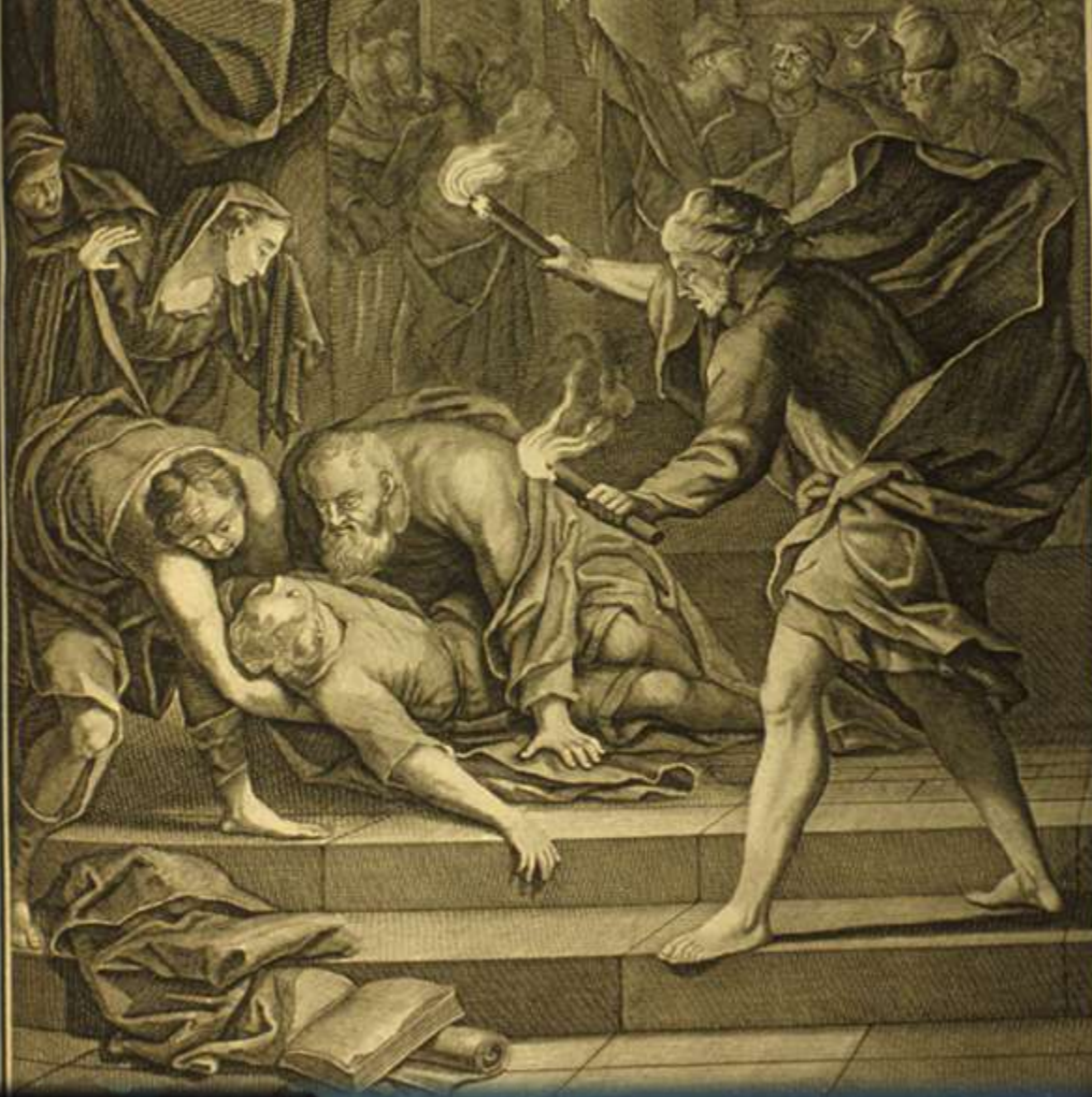
After talking until DAYLIGHT, he left.

¹² The people took the young man home alive & were greatly comforted.



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Acts 20:11 Then he went upstairs again and
broke bread and ate.

After talking until DAYLIGHT, he left.

Paul's stamina ... wisdom and love

Paul's stamina in *Caring IS Sharing*
shines as bright as

Their Curiosity

Their Interest in God's Word

What did Paul say ... ???

ALL NIGHT LONG?



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After talking until DAYLIGHT, he left.

Witness the stamina ...

Have you ever ... EVER stayed up all night?

ALL night listening to a ... SERMON?

ALL night TALKING to someone you loved?

I can honestly say I have stayed up LATE

a few times ... talking to a loved one

Paul talked to the disciples at Troas

ALL NIGHT LONG?



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After talking until DAYLIGHT, he left.

Please ... know this ... FEEL this ...

Hold this close to your chest ... caress it

Had to be ... MUST have been ... surely ... truly

We KNOW what he says here in Troas ...

Doubtlessly, SOME of his words come to Miletus

Certainly, PART of the Miletus Farewell Message

is a SHORTER version of what he said in Troas



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ALL NIGHT LONG?



**20:13-17 Paul to Miletus ...
Calls for Ephesian Elders**

**13 We went on ahead to the ship and
sailed for Assos, where WE were
going to take Paul aboard.**

Paul off on FOOT ... catches them @ Assos

**They ... w Dr. Luke ... ALL sail to Mitylene
next day sail to Chios**

Day after crossed to Samos

Following day arrived at Miletus



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20:13-17 Paul to Miletus ...

20:16 ... Paul sails past Ephesus

in a hurry to get to Jerusalem for Pentecost

**¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to
Ephesus for the elders of the church.**

**From Troas to Miletus ... then Paul asked
Elders from Ephesus to come to Miletus**

In route to Miletus ... Paul avoided Ephesus

Paul's in a hurry to go to Jerusalem ...



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Acts 18 - 20 Third Journey

Paul on FOOT from Troas to Assos

Sails to Mitylene

Next day sails to Chios

Day after sails to island of Samos

Following day arrives at Miletus

Maybe 250 miles



20:18-35 ... Farewell at Miletus

I have to ask ... hope I don't offend you

Ladies & Gents ... faithful men & women

Have YOU ever said ... or HAD to say

“Farewell”?

Well, yes, we all have ... in varying degrees

Yet, as you might already know ...

As you might already suspect ...

This was not your run-of-the-mill **“Farewell”**



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Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders

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Paul's **Last Farewell** touched them to their core

Their hearts know too, resonate in sync ...

At 7 PM, a main hatchway caved in, he said
"Fellas, it's been **GOOD** to know ya"

The captain wired in he had water comin' in
And the good ship & crew was in peril

And later that night
when his lights went outta sight
Came the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Does any one know where the love of God goes
When the waves turn the minutes to hours?



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Good Bye ... good Christian friends ...
Good Bye faithful sisters & brothers
Good Bye – Fair Thee Well, please

Trust in God ... Pray ...



NOT your wave goodbye to your college kid

No sir ... no ma'am

NOT your empty nest "bye-bye"

NOT your "bye-bye" till Christmas break

From our passage, Paul knew more than
he wanted to know ...

Paul was not on his deathbed saying "bye bye"

But I am sure Paul FELT close to that ...

Paul KNEW this was a

Never-See-You-Again

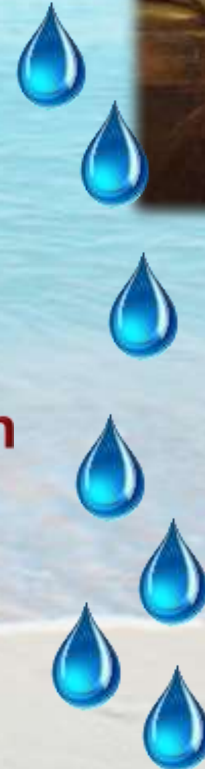
Fare thee well



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19:18-35 ... Farewell at Miletus

20:18-21 Farewell—Paul's Humility ...

You Know How I Lived

18 “*You know how I lived ...*

**v. 19 ... Paul served with great humility
with tears ... midst of severe testing**

v. 20 ... shared publicly & house to house

**21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks
that they must turn to God in
repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.**



**Paul, c. 1657
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**20:22-24 Farewell—Paul's Commitment ...
Hardship and to Finish HIS Race**

**22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit,
I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing
what will happen to me there.**

**23 I only know that in every city the
Holy Spirit warns me that prison and
hardships are facing me.**

**Every City ... for a Long Time Now
NOT a premonition ... but very much
Spirit REVEALED**



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Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders

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As Paul moves on ... as we move on ...

We know the **Way**, the **Truth**, the **Life** ... and **LOVE**

They might have split up
or they might have capsized
They may have broke deep
& took water

And all that remains
is the faces and the names
Of the wives and the sons
and the daughters



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And the **LOVE** between them
that unbreakable golden bond
Unites them as close as ever
Faith in a future to come
Hope in a secure heaven
Love of God for eternity

19:18-35 ... Farewell at Miletus

**24 However, I consider my life
worth nothing to me;
my only aim is to finish the race &
complete the task the Lord Jesus
has given me—
the task of testifying to the good
news of God's grace.**

**Paul had been led by the Spirit for 4,000-plus miles ...
only about
1,000 more miles to go before Paul's arrest in Jerusalem**



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20:25-31 Farewell—Paul’s Concern ...

25 “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.

26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you.

“Innocent of the blood” ... what’s the story?

Is it a “responsibility” he LEAVES to them?

YES ... it was a “trust” he LEAVES to their care?



20:25-31 Farewell—Paul’s Concern ...

Furthermore ... Paul has done his job:

27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

The “Whole will of God” ... including

28 Keep watch over yourselves & all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God which He bought with His own blood.

Not going to see them again ... YOUR job now



20:25-31 Farewell—Paul's Concern ...

Then ... sad words ... of insight ...

²⁹ I know that after I leave,
savage **WOLVES** will come in among you
and will **NOT** spare the flock.

³⁰ Even from your own number
men will arise and distort the truth
in order to draw away disciples after them.

Think not ... think **NOT** ... that FBC has none
They may not even **KNOW** they are wolfee-like



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**20:25-31 Farewell—Paul's Concern ...
I'm Innocent ... Beware the Wolves**

**Now the words of a FATHER to a son
Now words of a MOTHER to a daughter
Now words of our beloved TEACHER ...**

³¹ So be on your guard!

**Remember that for three years
I never stopped warning each of you
night and day with tears.**

THREE YEARS ...



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20:32-35 Farewell—Paul's Commendation

**32 “Now I COMMIT YOU to God & to the word
of his grace, which can build you up &
give you an inheritance among
ALL those who are sanctified.**

**33 I have not coveted anyone's
silver or gold or clothing.**

**34 You yourselves know that these
hands of mine
have supplied my own needs and
the needs of my companions.**



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Then ... a pleas from the heart

**³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you
that by this kind of hard work
we must help the weak,
remembering the words the
Lord Jesus himself said:**

**“It is more blessed to give
than to receive.”**

NOTICE: that sentence is NOT in the gospels ...

ALL that Jesus said was NOT recorded, as John closes in 21:35

Jesus did many other things as well.

If every one of them were written down,

I suppose that even the whole WORLD would NOT have

room for the books that would be written



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Closest to that is in Luke 6:38

**³⁵ Give, and it will be given to you....
For with the measure you use,
it will be measured to you.**

**Paul reminds them in Miletus what
he has told several ...**

**Paul himself wrote a few years earlier
from Macedonia to Corinth in 2 Cor. 9:6-7**

⁶ ... sows sparingly ... reap sparingly ...

**⁷ Each of you should give ...
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.**



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36 When Paul had finished speaking,
he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

37 They **ALL WEPT** as they
embraced him and kissed him.

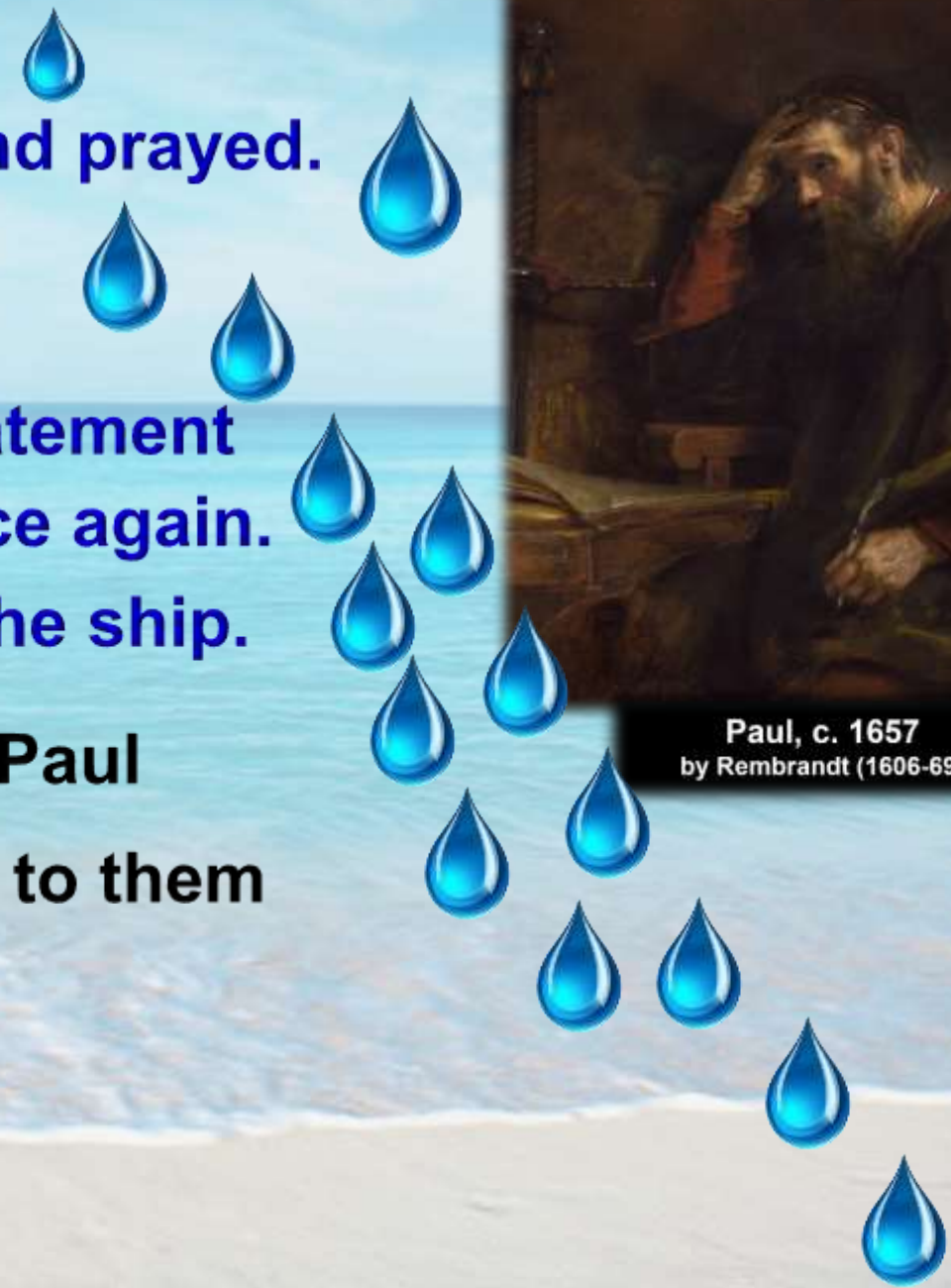
38 What grieved them most was his statement
that they would never see his face again.
Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Final Farewell ... from them to Paul

Final Farewell ... from Paul to them



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All Wept ...

Knowing They Would Never See Him Again

Remember other Final Farewells

- ✓ Joshua in Joshua 24
- ✓ Moses in Deuteronomy 29-30
- ✓ Samuel in 1 Samuel 12

Farewells ... can be bittersweet

For Paul, I believe ... the **Miletus Farewell**

was Part Two of the **All-Night Troas Farewell**

Paul Would Never See EITHER Again



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Paul gives his **Last Farewell** to Ephesian Elders

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As Paul sails EAST –

now thru too many ports to count ...

Lake Huron rolls, Superior sings

In the rooms of her ice-water mansion

Old Michigan steams like a young man's dreams

The islands & bays are for sportsmen

And farther below Lake Ontario

Takes in what Lake Erie can send her

And the iron boats go as the mariners all know

With the gales of November **REMEMBERED**



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Ephesians know ... as we do too

No one forgets the DAY that Paul left

LONG night in Troas – almost certainly
certainly repeated a bit in Miletus

Faith in a future to come

Hope in a secure heaven

Love of God

for ***eternity***

All Wept ...

It is YOUR last day ...

What will you say to YOUR loved ones?

- ✓ What's in YOUR Last Will & Testament?
- ✓ What would YOUR **Last Words** be?
- ✓ Would YOUR Last Words be like Paul's

That puts us to the wall in many ways

What did Paul say **ALL night long in Troas**?

In short, for what Paul said in Troas, *please see the*

See the Miletus Farewell



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In summing up Paul,
his Last Testament to the Ephesians & others

- ✓ See my WORK ... my working **HANDS**
- ✓ See my TEARS ... my torn **HEART**
- ✓ See my SCARS ... my hard-won **HUMILITY**
- ✓ See the SPIRIT ... that sends me to **CHAINS**
- ✓ See my LIFE ... that I count for **NOTHING**
- ✓ See my RACE ... that is run for **CHRIST**

ooohhhh ... with these dearly special & *precious* people
that he **LOVES** so tenderly, dearly, sweetly, kindly

Saint Paul is at the Top of the World



Paul, c. 1657
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In summing up Paul,

Paul's Last Testament also **CHARGED**

- ✓ Keep the **FLOCK** ... that was bought w the **BLOOD of Christ**
- ✓ Watch for **WOLVES** ... that rise from **WITHIN**
- ✓ Be **ALERT** ... cause I have commended **YOU** to **GOD**
- ✓ **GIVE** ... which is far better than to **RECEIVE**



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So ... near closing ...

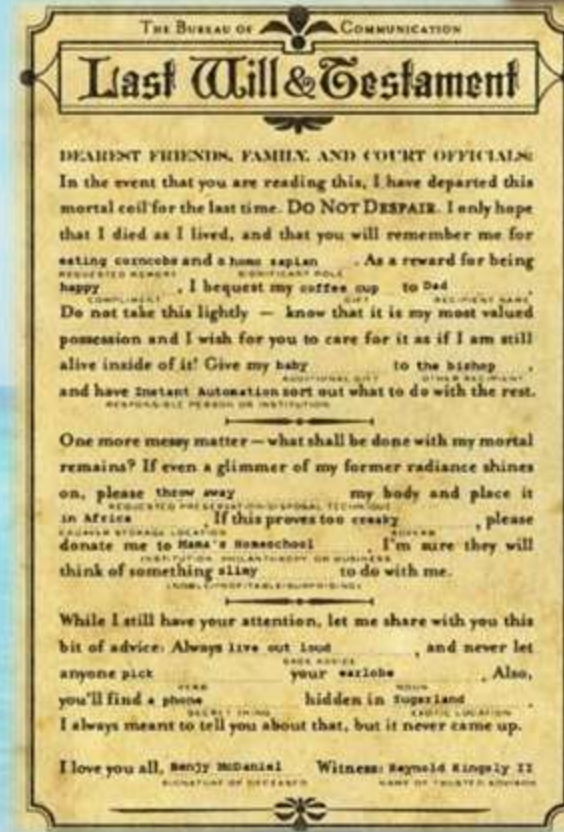
What will be YOUR

Last **LIVING** Will?

Last **LIVING** Testament?

I pray it includes

Christ & His Kingdom



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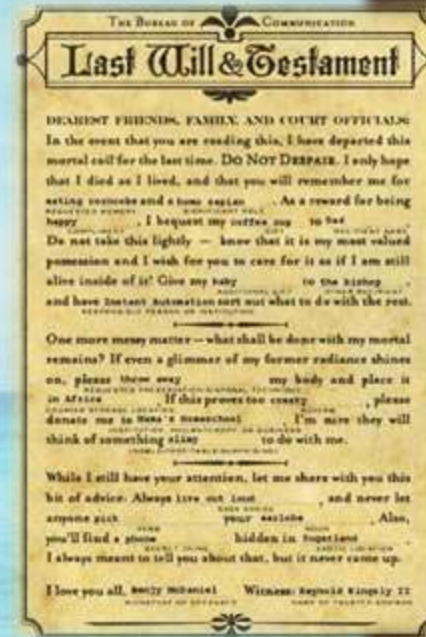
In summing up YOUR Last Testament In summing up **MY** Last Testament

- ✓ See my WORK ... my HANDS
- ✓ See my TEARS ... my HEART
- ✓ See my SCARS ... See Your **SCARS**
- ✓ See my LIFE ... See Your **LIFE**

What is my or your life REALLY Worth?

- ✓ See my RACE ... See Your **RACE**

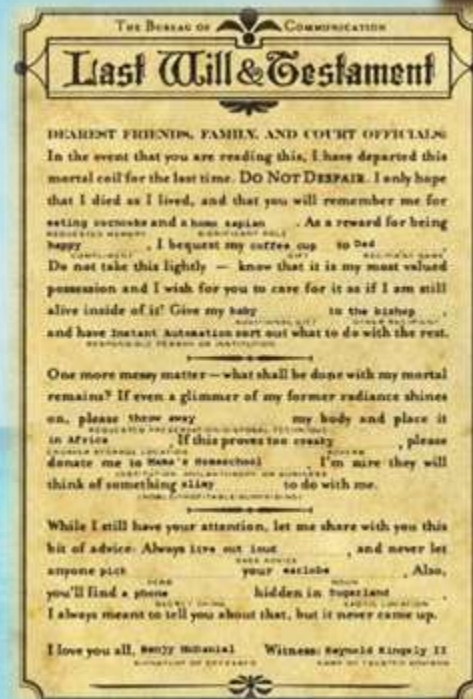
How do we **TRULY** run for **CHRIST**



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In summing up
your last charge ... and what
we ALL wish for our *LOVED* ones

- ✓ Keep the FLOCK ...
- ✓ Watch for WOLVES ...
- ✓ Be ALERT ...
- ✓ **GIVE** ... which is far better
than to **RECEIVE**



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Therefore, in closing ...

I pray **YOUR**
Last **LIVING**
Will & Testament
includes
Christ & His Kingdom
FIRST

At Miletus, I'm fairly well convinced, through the tears, Paul felt like this:

I'm on the **Top of the World** looking down on creation
And the only explanation I can find

Is the **LOVE** that I've found ever since you've been around
Your **LOVE's** put me at the **Top of the World**



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