

Taking A Journey To Share The Gospel Of Jesus Christ



Acts 20:1–6 (NKJV)

1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia.

2 Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece

3 and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

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5 These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.

6 But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

Paul Show Great Concern For Church Growth

- God used Paul to help start the church of Corinth.
- Paul was ready for another journey.
- He wanted to make at least one more visit to the churches the Lord had helped him to found because Paul was a man with a concerned heart. “The care of all the churches” was his greatest joy as well as his heaviest burden.

2 Corinthians 11:23–28 (NKJV)

23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—

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

- Paul lets the church know I have gone through a lot, but I am concerned about you!

- Paul had originally planned to make two visits to Corinth, but instead, he made one visit that lasted three months.

2 Corinthians 1:15–16 (NKJV)

15 And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit—

16 to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea.

Acts 20:3 (NKJV)

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- Paul shows we must be goal oriented in our development of the churches and community God calls us to serve.
- Paul had two goals in mind as he visited the various churches.
- His main purpose was to encourage and strengthen the saints so that they might stand true to the Lord and be effective witnesses.

Acts 20:2 (NKJV)

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We Should All Want To Encourage The Church!

Encourage - 3870. παρακαλέω parakaléō
- To aid, help, comfort, encourage. Translated: to comfort, exhort, desire, call for, beseech with a stronger force.

- Paul's goal was to come along side of the church and let them know regardless of the persecution they were to keep their faith in God!

2 Corinthians 1:3–7 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

**His Second Purpose
Was To Finish Taking
Up The Collection For
The Needy Believers In
Jerusalem**

Romans 15:25–27 (NKJV)

25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

26 For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

27 It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

1 Corinthians 16:1–9 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:

2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

3 And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.

4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

5 Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia).

6 And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits.

8 But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.

9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

We Are To Give To Help One Another.

- The body of Christ has a Christian responsibility to help our brothers and sisters when they are in need.
- The men who accompanied him were representatives of the churches, appointed to travel with Paul and help handle the funds.
- Paul shows the importance of serving together, and accountability!

- Once again, Paul had to change his plans, this time because of a Jewish plot to kill him at sea.
- Instead of sailing from Corinth, he traveled overland through Achaia and Macedonia, sailing from Philippi to Troas, where his “team” agreed to meet!
- When Paul made the decision to change his traveling plans, that was both good and wise because he was more valuable to the church alive.
- He could also continue writing to the churches for the Lord, and sharing the inspired word.

Paul Shows Great Wisdom In His Desires To Share The Word Of God!

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Proverbs 4:5–6 (NKJV)

5 Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
Love her, and she will keep you.

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