

What Revival Looks Like
How Revival Acts
Acts 20:13-38



FIRED UP

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15 And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But **none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.**

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

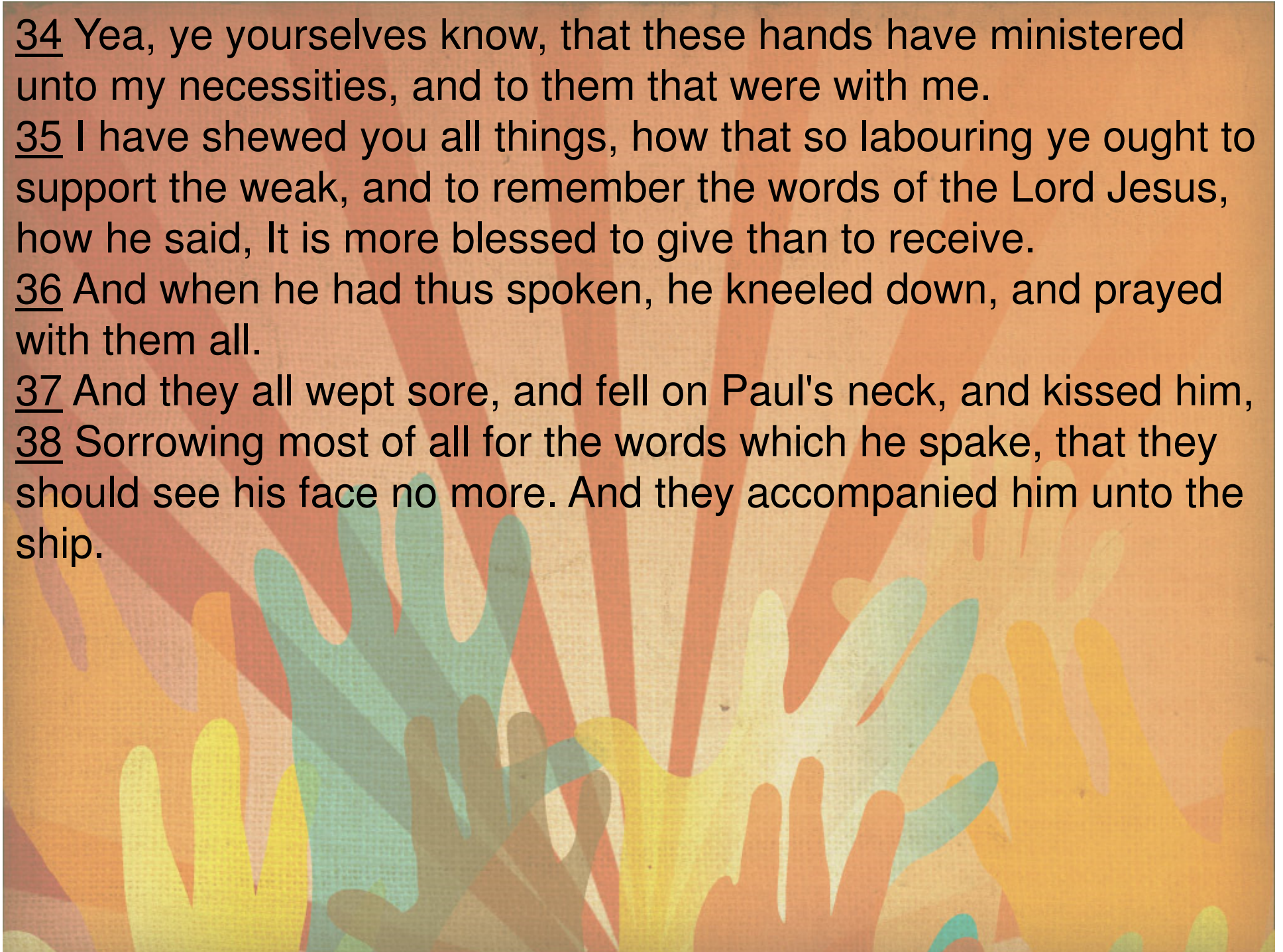
34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.



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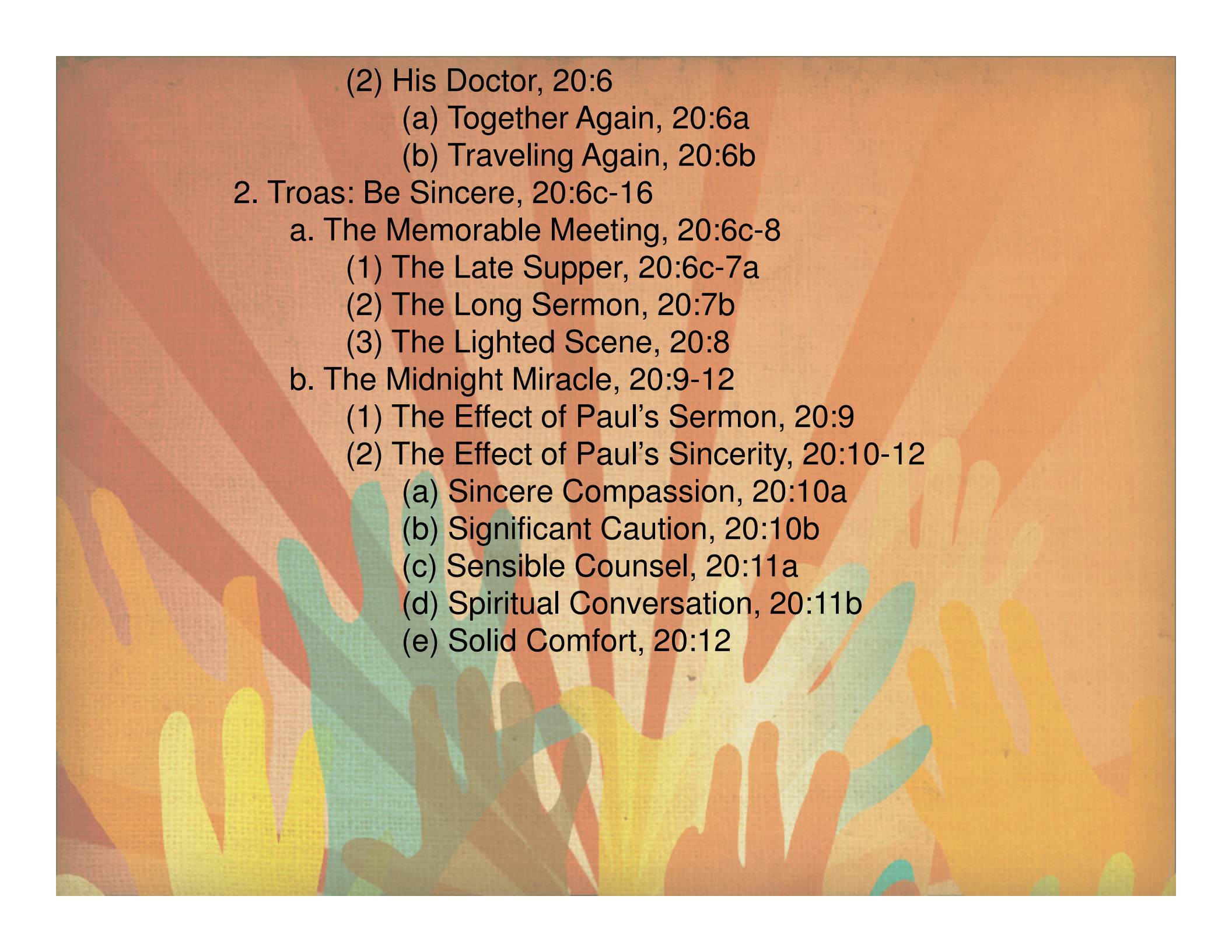
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PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY



c. The Moving Messengers 20:13-16

(1) Paul Purposely Alone, 20:13

Acts 20:13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.





The Coastline

Assos is located in a region of Mysia (northwest Asia Minor) called Troas. It is built on a great volcanic cone 700 feet high, making it a well-fortified site with both natural and artificial terraces. In 331 BC, the philosopher Cleanthes was born here, and it has been suggested that Paul's statement in Acts 17:28 is quoting from Cleanthes.

Wall and Gate

These city walls were constructed by the Greeks in the fourth century BC and are very well preserved. On the last leg of his third missionary journey, Paul walked from Alexandria Troas to Assos (Acts 20:5-6, 13-14), where he met his companions, who had gone ahead of him by sea. It was about a 20-mile (32-km) journey, and judging from the positions of the cities, he likely entered Assos through this northwest city gate.

<https://www.bibleplaces.com/assos/>

(2) Paul Patiently Aboard, 20:14-15

Acts 20:14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus.

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(3) Paul Planning Ahead, 20:16

Acts 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

3. Miletus: Be Sober, 20:17-38

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Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

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(1) Paul's Frequent Persecutions, 20:18-19

Acts 20:18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,
19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

(2) Paul's Faithful Pastoring, 20:20-21

Acts 20:20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

(3) Paul's Future Prospects, 20:22-25

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.**

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, **I have finished *my* course**, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing**.

(4) Paul's Formal Proclamation, 20:26-27

Acts 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that **I *am* pure from the blood of all *men***.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you **all the counsel of God**.

Ezek. 33:1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
4 **Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.**
5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.
6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and **blow not the trumpet**, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.**

(5) Paul's Fateful Prophecy, 20:28-31

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to **feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous **wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore **watch**, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation **through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom. 5:9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are **made nigh by the blood of Christ**.

Col. 1:20 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Mt. 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Jn. 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, **seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth**: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

(6) Paul's Fundamental Position, 20:32

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, **which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

1 Pet. 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but **being ensamples to the flock.**

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Ensample (*noun*) = An example; a pattern or model for imitation. (To exemplify; to shew by example. This word is seldom used, either as a noun or a verb.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/ensample>

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that **he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:**

Col. 3:24 Knowing that **of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance:** for ye serve the Lord Christ.

(7) Paul's Financial Policy, 20:33-35

Acts 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to **remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

(8) Paul's Fervent Prayer, 20:36

Acts 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, **he kneeled down, and prayed** with them all.

c. The Sorrow of the Ephesian Elders, 20:37-38

(1) Because of Their Great Love, 20:37

Acts 20:37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

(2) Because of Their Great Loss, 20:38

Acts 20:38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Conclusion

Rom. 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me;

31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I *have* for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

33 Now the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.