

RETURN TO JERUSALEM RETURN TO JERUSALEM

THE TRIALS OF PAUL

A message series
about making disciples then and now.

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JOURNEY TO ROME TO ROME

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**A CHURCH
THAT IMPACTED
A REGION: EPHESUS**
(ACTS 19-20)

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TALE OF 2 CITIES

Corinth & Ephesus

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THE STORY OF EPHESUS (ACTS 18)

- Paul, Priscilla, and Aquilla arrived at Ephesus
- Paul was welcomed at the Synagogue, but left for Caesarea then Jerusalem
- Priscilla and Aquilla stayed behind



ACTS 19

- Paul started his 3rd missionary journey
- Priscilla and Aquilla met Apollos who preached about Jesus
- Paul arrived at Ephesus, Apollos moved to Corinth
- Paul introduced baptism of the Holy Spirit to the believers (Acts 19:1-7)
- Paul went back to the Synagogue and spoke for 3 months (Acts 19:8-10)
- Thereafter, he taught in the Hall of Tyrannus for 2 years

Acts 19

⁸ Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. **He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.** ¹⁰ This went on for **two years**, so that **all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.**

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I Corinthians 16

⁸ But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost,

⁹ because **a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.**

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THE POTENTIAL DOOR

- Acts 19:11-12** - Extraordinary miracles
- Acts 19:13-17** - Sons of Sceva incident resulted in the Name of the Lord being held in high honour
- Acts 19:18-20** - Public denouncement of cultic practices resulted in the Word of the Lord spreading widely and growing in power
- Acts 19:23-41** - The riots in Ephesus

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PAUL'S HEARTFELT SPEECH TO EPHESUS' ELDERS: A SERVING HEART

Acts 20

¹⁷ From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: **“You know how I lived the whole time I was with you,** from the first day I came into the province of Asia. ¹⁹ **I served the Lord with great humility and with tears** and in the midst of **severe testing** by the plots of my Jewish opponents. ²⁰ You know that I have **not hesitated to preach** anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from 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.

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PAUL'S HEARTFELT SPEECH TO EPHESUS' ELDERS: A SACRIFICIAL HEART

Acts 20

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.

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

PAUL'S HEARTFELT SPEECH TO EPHESUS' ELDERS: A SHEPHERDING HEART

Acts 20

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. ²⁷ **For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.** ²⁸ **Keep watch over yourselves and 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.**

PAUL'S HEARTFELT SPEECH TO EPHESUS' ELDERS: A SHEPHERDING HEART

Acts 20

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. ³¹ So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

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Acts 20

³² **“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and 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.** 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.’ ”**

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PAUL'S HEARTFELT SPEECH TO EPHESUS' ELDERS

Acts 20

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.