SCRIPTURE: Acts 20:17-38

SERMON: *Retirement Planning* 22 March 2015

**POINT:** <u>HOW TO SAY GOOD-BYE WITHOUT REGRETS</u> (Acts 20:17-38; see Gen.47-49; Dt.31; Josh.23,24; <u>1Sam.12</u>; <u>2Kngs.2</u>; Jn.13-17; <u>2Tm.</u>; <u>2Pt.</u>)

## INTRODUCTION: MORE THAN SAVING MONEY

### I. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

- **A. LIVE OPENLY IN THE CHURCH** (18f; see 2Cor.6:1; see Phil.3:17; 4:9; 2Tm.3:10f; see 1Tm.4:12,15)
- **B. WORTH LIVING & DYING FOR** (21-24; 1Cor.15:31; Phil.1:20; see Lk.9:23,51,etc.; accomplished/applied)
- C. COMMUNICATE SERIOUSLY THE GOSPEL OF GRACE FOR REPENTANCE & FAITH (24,21; see 2Cor.5:21; 1Tm.1:2)
- **D. DO WHAT ASK** (18f; 31,28f; see 1Cor.4:16; 11:1; 2Th.3:7,9; Phil.3:17; 4:9; 1Tm.4:12,15; 2Tm.3:10f)

### II. WORK HARD

- **A. BE DILIGENT & GENEROUS** (33-35; see Eph.4:28; 1Cor.9:12f; 2Cor.9:6; Eph.4:28)
- **B. EQUIP OTHERS TO DO YOUR WORK** (17; see 14:23; Tt.1:5f; 2Tm.2:2; see Eph.4:12)
- C. SUFFER GRACIOUSLY (19f; 31; see c.15-28; 2Cor.; 1Pt.2:21)
- **D. DO NOT BE INTIMATED** (20,27; Gal.2:12; Heb.10:38f /Acts 4:29f; 2C3:12; Eph6:19; Phil.1:20; 1Th2:2; 1Pt3:14f)
- **E. SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY** (20b; 14:27; 16:9; see Eph.5:16)
- **F. PLAN YOUR WORK & WORK YOUR PLAN** (19:21; 20:3,16 /18:21; Jms.4:15 /Gen.1:1; Eph.1:1f,11)

### III. FINISH STRONG

- **A. KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON** (25,38; see 31; see 1Tm.1:3; 2Tm.1:18; 4:12)
- **B. SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER** (26f; 33-35; see Mt.5:23; Lk.19:8; see 2Kngs.20:1; Jn.19:26,27)
- **C. GIVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS** (28-31; Jn.10:11f; Rev.2:1f; see 2Pet.1:12f; 2:1f; see Gen.49; Mt.28:18-20)
- **D. GIVE A FINAL BLESSING** (32; 2Tm3:14-4:2; 2Th2:10f; Acts2:42 /Gen.1:22,28; 9:1; 12:1f; c27; c48; Lk.24:50f)
- **E. PRAY EARNESTLY** (36; see 21:5; Lk.22:41; see Acts 2:42 with 20:7,11;36)
- **F. LEAVE** (20:38-21:1; see Lk.24:51; contrast 2Chr.21:19,20)

# CONCLUSION: TRUST JESUS & FOLLOW HIM TO THE END NO MATTER WHAT (22-24; see Mt.10:22; 24:13; Lk.9:23,51)

**POINT: IT IS FINISHED!** (24; see 13:36; 2Tm.4:7; 1Cor.9:24; Heb.12:1; Mt.25:21,23; see Phil.2:6-8; Jn.19:30)

Discussion question: