



# WISDOM AND MATURITY

RIGHTLY DEPENDING ON OUR COMRADES

ACTS 20:1-6

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1. Deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)

*Acts 20:1* After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia. **2** When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. **3** There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. **4** Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus. **5** These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, **6** but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days. (ESV)

2. Unashamedly \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-4)

3. Courageously \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.5-6)



# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Philippians 2:1-2**. How would you describe, to a non-Christian, the unique sort of support, encouragement, and camaraderie Christians enjoy by being highly committed participants in Christ's church?
2. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. How would you describe, to a non-Christian, the unique challenge (and the divine empowerment to meet the challenge) that comes with being a provider of that sort of selfless encouragement?
3. Read **Romans 15:4-6** and **Acts 15:30-35**. What sort of words, concepts, and thoughts can you work to communicate that will reflect biblical truth to other Christians, and will build them up and strengthen them?
4. Read **Matthew 26:36-38** and **2 Timothy 4:9-15**. Why is it foolish to think it is fine for us to spend less time with other Christians, and not more? What are some advantages that face-to-face time with other Christians provides?
5. Read **Deuteronomy 1:38**. What brother or sister in Christ is facing a challenging task, hard situation, or a prolonged difficulty, whom you can encourage this week? How will you do that?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivaled Fellowship of His Church**
- Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**
- Msg. 17-09 – **Providing Godly Encouragement to Your Friends**
- Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**
- Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Growing Family**
- Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
- Msg. 16-22 – 16-24 – **Christian Friendship** (a three-part series)

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

June 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	2Chr.34-36 & Jn.19:1-22
June 12 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ezra 1-2 & Jn.19:23-42
June 13 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ezra 3-5 & Jn.20
June 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ezra 6-8 & Jn.21
June 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ezra 9-10 & Ac.1
June 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Neh.1-3 & Ac.2:1-13
June 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Neh.4-6 & Ac.2:14-47
June 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Neh.7-8 & Ac.3

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.
- Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.
- Edwards, Jonathan. **Charity and Its Fruits**. Banner of Truth, 1969.
- Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
- Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
- Gorman, Julie. **Community that Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.
- Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.
- Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.
- Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
- Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.
- Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.
- Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.