

Acts 20:17-38 Paul's Farewell to the Ephesians Elders February 2

What was the last movie that made you cry? What made you cry?

1. What significant events had occurred in Paul's ministry prior to his meeting with the Ephesian elders in Miletus?

2. How does Paul describe his conduct and ministry among the Ephesians (verses 18-21)? What lessons can we draw from his humility, perseverance, and approach to sharing the Gospel?

3. What does Paul reveal about his sense of calling and the Holy Spirit's guidance in verses 22-24? How does this shape our understanding of obedience and trust in God?

4. Paul declares that he has been faithful in proclaiming the whole will of God (verse 27). What does this teach us about the importance of a complete and balanced message in ministry?

5. What warnings does Paul give the Ephesian elders about the challenges they will face (verses 28-31)? How can we apply these warnings to our own spiritual leadership or influence?

6. Paul instructs the elders to "be shepherds of the church of God" (verse 28). What responsibilities does this imply for church leaders today?

7. In verse 28, Paul reminds the elders that the church was purchased with the blood of Christ. How does this truth impact how we view and treat the church?

8. In verses 33-35, Paul discusses his refusal to covet material wealth and his hard work to support himself. What does this reveal about his character and values?

9. How does Paul use prayer in his farewell to the Ephesian elders (verse 36)? What does this show about the role of prayer in relationships and ministry?

10. The passage ends with a deeply emotional scene (verses 37-38). How can you invest more in building meaningful, Christ-centered relationships? (Make a list)