



## Sermon Notes

### Acts 20:22–27 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,  
<sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.

<sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

<sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.

<sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,

<sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

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**(Answer key located on next page)**

## **MAIN IDEA**

When we stay faithful to God even when we know hard times are coming, we give \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the people around us.

## **THREE WAYS TO STAY FAITHFUL WHEN THE PATH GETS DANGEROUS:**

### **1. BE \_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD'S SPIRIT (*Acts 20:22-23*)**

- God doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us to do things we hate. Instead, His Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts, so we actually want what He wants.
- Following the Spirit's compulsion always costs something—\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or safety.

**APPLICATION:** This week, take \_\_\_\_\_ small step toward obedience in an area where you've been resistant. Tell \_\_\_\_\_ about your commitment and do it regardless of how you \_\_\_\_\_.

### **2. BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO FINISHING YOUR RACE (*Acts 20:24*)**

#### **Two Key Principles:**

1. **See Your Life as a \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment**
  - Your job, family, ministry, talents, and even hardships are part of an assignment from \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.
2. **Prove God's Faithfulness Through Your \_\_\_\_\_**
  - Every time you keep going when life gets hard, you preach a \_\_\_\_\_ without saying a word.
  - Your \_\_\_\_\_ is someone else's confirmation.

**Remember:** Finishing your race isn't about \_\_\_\_\_. It's about \_\_\_\_\_ to the call of Christ.

### **3. BE \_\_\_\_\_ IN TELLING THE TRUTH (*Acts 20:25-27*)**

#### **The Whole Counsel of God includes:**

- **The Beautiful Parts:** God's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and eternal life.

- **The Costly Parts:** Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves daily and follow Him.
- **Rescue AND \_\_\_\_\_:** Jesus doesn't just want to be your Savior—He wants to be your \_\_\_\_\_.

**APPLICATION:** Share your faith story with someone this week. Practice saying: "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me, and now He's the \_\_\_\_\_ of my life—it's been the best and hardest thing I've ever done."

### PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Which of the three areas (Compelled, Committed, Complete) is most challenging for you right now? Why?

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### COMMITMENT:

What is one specific step God is calling you to take this week to "keep going when it's tough"?

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### NEXT STEPS:

- ☐ Take one small step toward obedience in an area where you've been resistant
- ☐ Tell someone about your commitment and ask them to hold you accountable
- ☐ Practice sharing the complete gospel (rescue AND lordship) with someone this week
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Answer Key

**MAIN IDEA:** hope, courage

#### 1. BE COMPELLED BY GOD'S SPIRIT

- force, changes
- comfort, reputation, money
- one, someone, feel

#### 2. BE COMMITTED TO FINISHING YOUR RACE

- Divine
- Jesus
- Perseverance
- sermon
- commitment
- perfection, obedience

### 3. BE COMPLETE IN TELLING THE TRUTH

- love, forgiveness, grace
- deny
- lordship, Lord
- rescued, boss

#### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

#### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
(Romans 3:23)

#### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

#### The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23a )

#### Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.  
(Romans 10:9-10)

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