



Sermon Notes

Acts 20:32–38 (ESV)

³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.

³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him,

³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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(Answer key located on back page)

Key Question: What kind of lasting _____ am I making on the people around me?

I. Commit Your Life to the Word's Legacy (Acts 20:32)

"And now I commend you to God and to the _____ of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

The Urgent Question: What _____ Are You Building On?

- Building happens _____ by _____, methodically.
- God's Word provides _____ truth in a changing world.

This Week's Challenge: Take one small step toward building your spiritual foundation:

- New to Bible reading: Start with _____ minutes daily in the Gospel of _____.
- Already reading: _____ one truth each day with someone.

II. Cultivate a Servant's Heart as Your Legacy (Acts 20:33-35)

Paul's Teaching Method: "I _____ you"

Servant Leadership Looks Like:

- **Workplace:** Manager who _____ to train struggling employees
- **Parenting:** Parent who _____ mistakes and apologizes
- **Marriage:** Spouse who _____ partner's needs
- **Church:** Volunteering for _____ tasks

Key Truth: In God's economy, be a spiritual _____ rather than a spiritual cul-de-sac.

This Week's Challenge: Choose _____ people who observe you and demonstrate servant leadership they can witness.

III. Cherish Deep Relationships as Your Greatest Legacy (Acts 20:36-38)

The Urgent Truth: Relationships Have _____ Dates.

- These men wept because they'd lost a spiritual _____, mentor, and friend
- Paul's greatest gift: _____ for them before leaving.
- No greater expression of love than carrying people to the _____ of grace.

This Week's Challenge: Identify three people for deeper spiritual investment:

1. Someone _____ to mentor
2. A _____ to encourage
3. Someone _____ to learn from

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

What legacy am I currently building? How do my daily choices reflect my commitment to God's Word, servant leadership, and deep relationships?

My thoughts:

NEXT STEPS:

This Week:

1. Start or continue daily Bible reading (10+ minutes)
2. Choose 2 people to demonstrate servant leadership to
3. Identify 3 people for deeper spiritual investment

This Month:

1. Share one biblical truth daily with someone
2. Include someone in a service project
3. Create shared spiritual experiences with your 3 people

Ongoing:

1. Pray regularly for those God has placed in your life
2. Look for opportunities to mentor, encourage, and learn
3. Ask regularly: "What legacy am I building today?"

Answer Key

Introduction: impact

Point I:

Word | Foundation | brick,
brick | unchanging | 10,
John | share

Point II:

Showed | stays | admits | serves |
behind-the-scenes | conduit | two

Point III:

Expiration | father | praying | throne | younger | peer | older

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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