THAT I MIGHT FINISH MY COURSE WITH JOY
Acts 20:7-27

Paul in Troas.

Acts 20:7 Commitment to getting message out
   Disregard for own comfort
   Thirsty people

Acts 20:8 People sitting on every word of the apostle.

Acts 20:9 Even Paul had people sleeping during his sermons

Acts 20:10 Compassion and the power of God
   People on fire for God -- want more preaching & teaching


Acts 20:14-16 Awareness of time... In a hurry to do will of God.

Acts 20:17 Awareness of potential... reach reachable and teach teachable.

Acts 20:18-19 Servant leader
   Tender heart
   Mac: Those who share Paul’s passion will share his tears.

Moved Paul to tears:
   1. Lost souls. Romans 9:2-3
   2. Backslidden and carnal Christians. 2 Corinthians 2:4

Went through hard times

Acts 20:20 Commitment to helping them... profit
   Life message and biblical teaching.
   One on one.

Acts 20:21 No discrimination
   Repentance toward God: attitude of salvation
   Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ: direction of salvation.

Acts 20:22-23 Mighty in spirit
   Man of faith
   Phillips: He longed to see, with his own eyes, some of the damage repaired, and
   the Holy Spirit respected that. He allowed Paul to go, but He left Paul in no doubt
   as to what he could expect.

Acts 20:24 Focused
   Unselfish accountant
   Committed runner
   Phillips: He was prepared to lose both liberty and life itself in the cause of Christ.
   Faithful steward
Wiersbe: The steward owns little or nothing, but he possesses all things. His sole purpose is to serve his master and please him. … The steward must one day give an account of his ministry, and Paul was ready for that day.

Consistent witness

Mac: The clear emphasis is on grace, the unmerited favor of God by which He forgives undeserving sinners the totality of their sins and freely, mercifully gives them the complete righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:25 Herald of the king

Wiersbe: The witness tells what has happened to him, but the herald tells what the king tells him to declare. He is a man commissioned and sent with a message, and he must not change that message in any way. …


Acts 20:27 Biblicist

So What? How do we measure up to God’s missionary?

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