

Miletus, A Notable City in Ancient History and in Myths (Part I): The Testimony of a Faithful Minister Acts 20:13–27

**1 *Paul's passion –
His face set for Jerusalem***

- a. His desire to be alone

- b. His extreme hurry
 - 1) Was taken aboard the ship – quickly
 - 2) Moved from place to place, wasting no time

 - 3) Felt so rushed he had even decided to bypass Ephesus

- c. Was delayed, so he sent for the Ephesian elders

- d. Shared his testimony

2 *A constant, unswerving service*

- a. In great humility
- b. In tears
- c. In severe trials

- 13 We went on ahead to the ship and sailed for Assos, where we were going to take Paul aboard. He had made this arrangement because he was going there on foot.
- 14 When he met us at Assos, we took him aboard and went on to Mitylene.
- 15 The next day we set sail from there and arrived off Kios. The day after that we crossed over to Samos, and on the following day arrived at Miletus.
- 16 Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.
- 17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.
- 18 When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.
- 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.

<p>3 <i>A sense of urgency in evangelism and teaching</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Taught the whole gospel b. Taught publicly and privately c. Taught powerfully, as a man under oath d. Taught Jews and Greeks e. Taught repentance and faith <p>4 <i>A nagging compulsion: To reach the lost</i></p> <p>5 <i>A willingness to suffer</i></p> <p>6 <i>A total abandonment to Christ</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To complete his race b. To complete his tasks and ministry <p>7 <i>A testimony of foreseeing his ministry in the future</i></p> <p>8 <i>A clear and pure heart</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. He was innocent of the blood of all men b. Reason: He had proclaimed the whole will of God 	<p>20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.</p> <p>21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.</p> <p>22 “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.</p> <p>23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.</p> <p>24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.</p> <p>25 “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.</p> <p>26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men.</p> <p>27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.</p>
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