

HERE AM I SEND ME

“Paul’s Farewell Tour”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 20:17-38

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles” as we endeavor to learn more about the faith of the apostles, the work of the early church, and the spread of Christianity. Today our study brings us to Paul’s journey to Rome. We need preachers like Paul! He had passion and zeal and he loved the brethren. Let’s study about his last visit with the Ephesians together....

Discussion:

I. Commitment to a Resurrected Lord (vs.17-23)

- A. If we are committed to a resurrected Lord we must endure trials.
- B. If we are committed to a resurrected Lord we must endure hardship.
- C. If we are committed to a resurrected Lord we must endure persecution.
- D. If we are committed to a resurrected Lord we must endure Christian service.

II. Commitment to a Redeemed Church (vs.24-30)

- A. If we are committed to a redeemed church we must worship.
- B. If we are committed to a redeemed church we must serve.
- C. If we are committed to a redeemed church we must evangelize.
- D. If we are committed to a redeemed church we must persevere.

III. Commitment to a Righteous Life (vs.31-32)

- A. If we are committed to a righteous life we must be pure.
- B. If we are committed to a righteous life we must be holy.
- C. If we are committed to a righteous life we must be worthy.
- D. If we are committed to a righteous life we must be humble.

IV. Commitment to a Revolutionary Idea (vs.33-35)

- A. If we are committed to a revolutionary idea we must not covet.
- B. If we are committed to a revolutionary idea we must not be materialistic.
- C. If we are committed to a revolutionary idea we must support others.
- D. If we are committed to a revolutionary idea we must not be lazy.

Conclusion: When I read this story I can’t help but notice that they prayed together, wept, embraced, and showed their love for one another. The Ephesians elders were supportive and watched Paul leave, knowing great work was ahead of him, and that he needed their encouragement. We need this kind of a relationship with one another today. Do you have a “Here Am I, Send Me” attitude? Are you faithfully serving the Lord? Have you committed to giving Him all that have and all that you are? What if tonight is your last chance to give a farewell to friends and family? Come to Jesus!