



How to Finish Well

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Acts 4:18 ... when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

Acts 5:28 ..."We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "We must obey God rather than men.

³⁰ "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

³¹ "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

³² "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Acts 5:40 ...they flogged them and ordered them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

⁴¹ So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.

⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Acts 7:57 ...they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him (Stephen) with one impulse.

⁵⁸ And when they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ And they went on stoning Stephen as he called upon *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

⁶⁰ And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 8:1 And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

² And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

³ But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

⁴ Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

Acts 9:1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

² and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

⁴ and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

⁵ And he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

⁶ but rise, and enter the city, and it shall be told you what you must do."

...⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

...¹⁵ the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

¹⁶ for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

...²⁰ immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

...²² Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus is the Christ*.

²³ And when many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him,

²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. And they were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death

Acts 9:28 ...he was with them moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

²⁹ And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death.

³⁰ But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

Acts 13:1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

² And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:49 ...the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region (of Pisidian Antioch in Galatia)

⁵⁰ But the Jews aroused the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

Acts 14:5 ...when an attempt was made (in Iconium) by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to stone them,

⁶ they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region;

⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

Acts 14:19 ...Jews came (to Lystra) from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

²⁰ But while the disciples stood around him, he arose and entered the city. And the next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ And after they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ And they passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia.

²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia;

²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

Acts 15:36 ...after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, *and see how they are*."

Acts 15:40 Paul chose Silas and departed, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

⁴¹ And he was traveling through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 16:22 ...the crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them, and proceeded to order *them* to be beaten with rods.

²³ And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely;

²⁴ and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God...

Acts 17:2 ...according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

³ explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a great multitude of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

⁵ But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and coming upon the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

Acts 17:13 ...when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

¹⁴ And then immediately the brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there.

Acts 18:9 ...the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

¹⁰ for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

¹¹ And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,

¹³ saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

Acts 18:19 ...they came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

²⁰ And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent,

²¹ but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

²² And when he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch.

²³ And having spent some time *there*, he departed and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Acts 19:8 ...he entered the synagogue (in Ephesus) and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.

⁹ But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

¹⁰ And this took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹ And God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul

Acts 19:20 ...the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.

²¹ Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

²² And having sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

²³ And about that time there arose no small disturbance concerning the Way.

Acts 20:1 And after the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he departed to go to Macedonia.

² And when he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.

³ And *there* he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia.

⁴ And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, *the son* of Pyrrhus; and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

⁵ But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas.

⁶ And we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

⁷ And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

⁸ And there were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.

⁹ And there was a certain young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor, and was picked up dead.

¹⁰ But Paul went down and fell upon him and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."

¹¹ And when he had gone *back* up, and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.

¹² And they took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

¹³ But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for thus he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land.

¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

¹⁵ And sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus.

¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²² "And now, behold, bound in spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

²³ except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me.

²⁴ "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵ "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will see my face no more.

²⁶ "Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

²⁷ "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

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