

## Farewell

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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*Acts 20:1-6 (ESV)*

*1 After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell and departed for Macedonia.*

*2 When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. 3 There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. 4 Sopater the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and the Asians, Tychicus and Trophimus.*

*5 These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, 6 but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.*

### 1. GOOD \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 20:3 (NLT)*

*3 where he stayed for three months. He was preparing to sail back to Syria when he discovered a plot by some Jews against his life, so he decided to return through Macedonia.*

### SATAN ASKED FOR PETER

*Luke 22:31-32 (ESV)*

*31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."*

### SATAN PICKED A FIGHT WITH JOB

*Job 1:8-11 (TEV)*

*8 "Did you notice my servant Job?" the LORD asked. "There is no one on earth as faithful and good as he is. He worships me and is careful not to do anything evil." 9 Satan replied, "Would Job worship you if he got nothing out of it? 10 You have always protected him and his family and everything he owns. You bless everything he does, and you have given him enough cattle to fill the whole country. 11 But now suppose you take away everything he has—he will curse you to your face!"*

*1 Peter 5:8 (TEV)*

*8 Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

## 2. GOOD \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 20:4-5 (NLT)*

*4 Several men were traveling with him. They were Sopater son of Pyrrhus from Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica; Gaius from Derbe; Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus from the province of Asia. 5 They went on ahead and waited for us at Troas.*

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 20:1-2 (NLT)*

*1 When the uproar was over, Paul sent for the believers and encouraged them. Then he said good-bye and left for Macedonia 2 While there, he encouraged the believers in all the towns he passed through. Then he traveled down to Greece,*

### Goodbye Quotes:

**"A man never knows how to say good-bye; a woman never knows when to say it."  
—Helen Rowland**

**"To part is to die a little."  
—French proverb**

**"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."  
— Winnie The Pooh**

**"Saying goodbye is the painful way of solving a problem."  
— Anonymous**

**"Goodbye always makes my throat hurt."  
— Charlie Brown**

## FAMOUS FAREWELLS IN SCRIPTURE

### JETHRO

*Exodus 4:18 (TLB)*

*18 Moses returned home and talked it over with Jethro, his father-in-law. "With your permission," Moses said, "I will go back to Egypt and visit my relatives. I don't even know whether they are still alive." "Go with my blessing," Jethro replied.*

### ORPAH

*Ruth 1:14 (AMP)*

*14 Then they wept aloud again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law [good-bye], but Ruth clung to her.*

### SAUL

*1 Samuel 10:9 (TLB)*

*9 As Saul said good-bye and started to go, God gave him a new attitude, and all of Samuel's prophecies came true that day.*

### JONATHAN TO DAVID

*1 Samuel 20:42 (TLB)*

*42 At last Jonathan said to David, "Cheer up, for we have entrusted each other and each other's children into God's hands forever." So they parted, David going away and Jonathan returning to the city.*

## **ELISHA**

*1 Kings 19:20 (TEV)*

*20 Elisha then left his oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye, and then I will go with you." Elijah answered, "All right, go back. I'm not stopping you!"*

## **PAUL**

*Romans 16:24 (TLB)*

*24 Good-bye. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

## **JESUS' FAREWELL**

*Acts 1:6-9 (NLT)*

*6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" 7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.*

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.*

## **ANSWERS:**

**1. INSTINCT**

**2. TEAM**

**3. GOODBYE**