

## Bible Study 11 – Paul’s farewell message - Part 2 – Acts 20:29-38

*The historical narrative in the book of Acts is often transitional between the law of Moses and the Christian church. This is the foundational period in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ. Some aspects of the contents of this book must be discerned as not having direct application to the subsequent periods of the church. This episode is not one of them. Like the letters to the seven churches of Asia in Revelation 2-3 which are directly applicable to us today, Paul’s final sermon at Miletus to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 has direct application to us today. Today we are looking at the second half of this farewell message.*

<b>The context</b>	After the Day of Pentecost, the gospel was preached to Jews and then to Gentiles. Peter was the main preacher to the Jews & Paul was the main preacher to the Gentiles. Paul’s first missionary journey was to Cyprus and south-eastern Turkey where they established churches. Then Paul went on his second missionary journey preaching and establishing churches. People converted to Christianity and some of the Jews persecuted the believers. Then Paul went on his third missionary journey.
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### ***PART 1 Read & then write each section in your own words – Acts 20: 29-38***

False teachers (v.29-31)	
Resources (v.32)	
Paul’s example (v.33-35)	
Farewell (v.36-38)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?***

***2. What does it teach about people?***



***3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.***

***4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. “Wolves” are used as a metaphor for “false teachers” (v.29; Matthew 7:15; Romans 16:17-18). What do wolves and false teachers have in common?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Beware of false teachers who distort what the Bible says, who seek followers and who seek wealth. Elders must guard the congregation by warning against false teachers, and by staying centred on God and His message to us in the Bible.

# Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?  
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

### Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

## Share

<b>Who will I tell about this Bible passage?</b>

**Who needs help?** What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

## Prayer

One thing you are thankful for.  
One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.  
Is there anything this group can do to help you?

**Date:**

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