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A truth worth dying for in a world with nothing to live for.

Acts 20:1-3 (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.

Acts 20:19–23 (ESV)

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.

“It is, therefore, recorded that Paul was beheaded in Rome itself...” - Eusebius of Caesarea

- **Expect opposition when you live on mission.**

Acts 9:16 (ESV)

“I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

1. 9:23–25 → Murder plot; escapes Damascus.
2. 9:29–30 → Murder plot; flees Jerusalem.
3. 13:45 → Opposed and maligned.
4. 13:50 → Persecuted and expelled.
5. 14:2, 5 → Plot to stone him.
6. 14:19 → Stoned; left for dead.
7. 16:16–24 → Beaten and imprisoned.
8. 17:5–10 → Driven from Thessalonica.
9. 17:13–14 → Driven from Berea.
10. 18:12 → Hauled before court.
11. 19:23–41 → Riot in Ephesus.
12. 20:1–3 → Murder plot in Greece.
13. 21:27–40 → Beaten by Jerusalem mob.
14. 21:33–36 → Arrested by Rome.
15. 23:2 → Struck by high priest.
16. 23:6–10 → Mob nearly tears Paul apart.

17. 23:12–22 → Forty-man murder plot.
18. 25:1–5 → Ambush plotted.
19. 27:42 → Soldiers plan to kill him.

Acts 14:22 (ESV)

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

Acts 20:7–12 (ESV)

On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹ And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” ¹¹ And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. ¹² And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

Acts 20:8 (ESV)

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- Wildfires of awakening are fueled by the wood of God's word.

Acts 20:11–12 (ESV)

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1. Today is the right time.
2. Fight for one more