



“Don’t Get Off Until the Ride Has Stopped”
Acts 20:22-24

Many are great fans of amusement park rides. The thrill of being hurled around and turned upside down, some find exciting, others terrifying. Life can seem that way as well. There are times when any of us have felt the desire to get off early, but can’t.

KEY VERSE: *“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)*

As we come to these final chapters in Acts, we follow Paul’s final trips, and the words of advice he leaves behind to the churches. Paul knows his days are numbered, and the days ahead will not be easy ones, and yet he keeps his eyes focused on Jesus being with him on his journey. In this last push of his life, he never takes his foot off the gas, or loses sight of the mission God has placed him on.

When I am tempted to “bail” what can I learn from what God has given to Paul?

God gives me an eternal _____

Read *Acts 20:22-24*.

I need to keep looking _____.

Paul says he is “constrained (bound, chained together with) by the Spirit”

How can this be an encouragement to me to know that God has undeniably tied himself to me?

Read *Ephesians 1:17-20*. Paul continually prays that his friends would know the amazing power of God in their lives. Is there someone who is praying that for me? For whom am I praying that prayer?

God gives me the power to keep moving _____

Read *Acts 21:8-14*.

I am _____ than I _____.

Agabus the prophet gives a tangible demonstration of what is awaiting Paul. Paul’s life will not be getting easier.

Can you list the ways in which you have seen God’s power at work sustaining you in hard times? Who has he used in those moments?

God gives me the opportunity to _____ for Him.

Read *Acts 22:14-16*.

In my struggle God can be _____.

In *2 Corinthians 5:20*, Paul calls us “ambassadors for Christ” How well do I represent Jesus when life get hard? What can I do to improve?

This week

- What are you facing right now in which you might be tempted to bail in your journey?
- What encouragement do I need to keep going?
- Who can I walk with to help them on their journey?