

all humility, with tears, and during the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. 20 You know that I did not hesitate to proclaim anything to you that was profitable and to teach you publicly and from house to house. 21 I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

- Paul had spent A LOT of time discipling these people
- Think of the relationship of parent to child. You are talking to your child about what you have taught them because it is your last conversation

How to disciple your kids/peers/new believers:

1. Be present
2. Serve together
3. Show what humility looks like
4. Proclaim the TRUTH. (Speak up, speak out, TELL THE TRUTH)
5. Teach in homes
6. Testify about repentance and faith in Christ

22 "And now I am on my way to Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit, not knowing what I will encounter there, 23 except that in every town the Holy Spirit warns me that chains and afflictions are waiting for me. 24 But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God's grace.

- Paul, who had been given the office of Apostle by Jesus, was prophesying about his future
- Notice that it is not positive. It's dire. It is about his end.
- Paul speaks about this not with fear and trembling, but with purpose and reception.
- Purpose of calling

Colossians 3:12-13a

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, **13** bearing with one another and forgiving one another

- Reception of salvation

John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, **13** who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

25 "And now I know that none of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will ever see me again. 26 Therefore I declare to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, 27 because I did not avoid declaring to you the whole plan of God.

- Paul does not hold back does he?
- Super important what he says and how he says it
- He tells them, you have no excuse to not walk under Christ's authority
- My Dad and a motorcycle

**WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID TO THOSE WE LOVE?
WHAT HAS NOT BEEN TALKED ABOUT? THE
GOAL IS NO REGRETS AT GRAVESIDE.**

28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

- The body of Christ is not a recreational facility
- It's not here for our entertainment
- It's been provided for our discipleship, our training, our teaching, and our empowering to lead others in the way
- Be on guard (proper theology, proper interpretation of God's word)
- Be the under-shepherd Jesus has called to care for His sheep

**GOD HAS NO IDEAS.
HE ONLY HAS KNOWLEDGE. KNOWLEDGE OF
WHAT IS RIGHT, AND WHAT IS WRONG.
KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT SHALL BE, AND WHAT
SHALL NOT BE. HUMANS HAVE IDEAS, AND
APART FROM GOD'S AUTHORITY, THEY LEAD US
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