

Acts 20: Lastly in Asia

- I. The Ministry of Comfort — as the Ministry of the Holy Spirit (the Helper) (vv. 1–12)**
 - A. Leaving Ephesus and heading to Macedonia — Paul encouraged the saints' spirits while in difficulties
 - 1. Embraced the disciples from Ephesus — a silent act of comfort and encouragement
 - 2. In Macedonia, encouraged the disciples with his words — encouragement gives strength and warms one's heart
 - B. Spent seven days in Troas with the co-workers from the province of Asia
 - C. An accident during the meeting revealed Paul's composure and experience — manifestation of a mature life

- II. The Exhortation to the Elders of Ephesus at Miletus (vv. 13–35)**
 - A. Paul spoke of his own attitude in serving the Lord
 - 1. Lived the same way the whole time he was with them — showing integrity
 - 2. Served the Lord with great humility, tears, and trials
 - 3. Faithfully taught the word of God
 - 4. Did not consider his life of any account as dear to himself – a martyr's spirit
 - B. Passed on the responsibility
 - 1. Did not shrink from declaring to them the whole purpose of God
 - 2. "The Holy Spirit has made you overseers" (v. 28) — to shepherd the church of God
 - 3. Be on the alert
 - 4. Commended the elders to God and to the word of His grace
 - C. Purity in his life
 - 1. Coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes
 - 2. Used his own hands to minister to the coworkers' needs
 - 3. Being an example, worked hard to help the weak
 - 4. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (v. 35)

- III. Leaving Asia (vv. 36–38)**
 - A. Knelt down and prayed together
 - B. Truly loved one another