



## CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: ACTS 20:7-12

TITLE: WHOSE MISSION ARE YOU ON?

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Finding balance / Finding yourself \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Important versus Urgent \_\_\_\_\_
1. **Important** activities have an outcome that leads to us achieving our goals
  2. **Urgent** activities demand immediate attention, and are usually associated with achieving someone else's goals.
  3. Prioritize
    - a. Important and Urgent
    - b. Important, but not Urgent
    - c. Not Important, but Urgent
    - d. Not Important and not Urgent

### PAUL IS ON A MISSION

- A. Paul and Preaching \_\_\_\_\_
1. **1 Corinthians 1:17**, <sup>17</sup> *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.*
  2. **1 Corinthians 9:16**, <sup>16</sup> *For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!*
- B. Paul is on a mission \_\_\_\_\_
1. Paul took his calling seriously – Paul Preached...
  2. Paul was leaving the next day / He had no time to waste / He maximized the moment
  3. Paul preached to the disciples in Troas until midnight
- C. God has each one of us on a mission \_\_\_\_\_
1. Am I taking my calling seriously?
  2. Today may literally be my last day...
  3. **Ecclesiastes 5:5-7**, <sup>5</sup> *It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it.* <sup>6</sup> *Don't let your mouth make you sin. And don't defend yourself by telling the Temple messenger that the promise you made was a mistake. That would make God angry, and he might wipe out everything you have achieved.* <sup>7</sup> *Talk is cheap, like daydreams and other useless activities. Fear God instead.*

### EUTYCHUS IS ON PAUL'S MISSION

- A. There were many lamps in the room [oil lamps] \_\_\_\_\_
1. The room was full of smoke and Eutychus is sitting on the windowsill
  2. As Paul continued preaching, Eutychus fell asleep and fell out of the third floor window
- B. Eutychus's Response \_\_\_\_\_
1. Eutychus did not consider his own needs
  2. Eutychus fell to the ground and died
- C. Paul's Response \_\_\_\_\_
1. Paul stopped preaching, went down and restored life to Eutychus
  2. Paul came back up, shared in the Lord's Supper, ate, and continued preaching until daybreak

### ARE YOU ON YOUR MISSION OR SOMEONE ELSE'S MISSION?