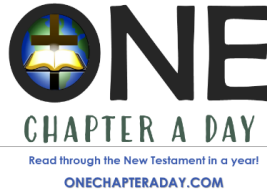


MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Acts 20:32
“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”



MY NOTES
My Insights / My Questions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Read Acts 20

1. Paul is having a very, very long discourse. A young man, Eutychus, is sitting in a upper window listening. Long into the evening, Eutychus falls asleep, falls out the window and down three stories to his death. Paul goes to him and revives him from the dead. Then, Paul, seemingly unfazed, eats and continues the discussion until sunrise. Luke, a physician, seems to treat this as a minor event. What do you think? The people there were “not a little comforted”. How would you react if your son was killed and then raised again?
 2. Paul is now at the end of his Third Missionary Journey and heading to Jerusalem. He shares with the leaders of the Church at Ephesus that “... the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me” (v23). What motivates Paul?
 3. Paul prayed with these leaders “And there was much weeping on the part of all” (v37). Have you ever said goodbye to a loved one, knowing that you would never see them again in this world? Why did they weep? What emotions do you think they felt? Why did they love Paul so much?
- **Prayer: Thank you for our spiritual leaders. Let my heart be receptive to their teaching as they help me better understand Your will for my life.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Read Acts 21

1. In Tyre, Luke writes “And through the Spirit, they were telling Paul not to go to Jerusalem” (v4). In Caesarea, a prophet name Agabus gives a graphic representation of Paul’s fate if he goes to Jerusalem. Yet Paul goes. Is Paul ignoring God’s direction? Is he being self-willed and determined to become a martyr? Can we, if offered two paths, take either and still be in God’s will?
 2. Paul arrives in Jerusalem. What does he do to show that he is still a proper Jew? (v23-25). Does it placate the Jews? (v27)
 3. How does God turn the situation around (v40)? Paul, given the opportunity, does not sulk or act out against the injustices he suffers. How do you react when facing injustice in your life?
- **Prayer: Lord, let me keep my eyes focused on You. Even when treated unfairly, harshly and with contempt, let my heart be full of love towards my adversaries.**
