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2. Read Acts 20:17-24. Summarize the passage and write down observations. What are some characteristics of Paul's life that show his faithfulness to God? What was the nature of his calling (vs 24)?
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4. What were the different settings in which Paul proclaimed the message of Christ? What was the content of his message? To whom did he testify to?
5. What was awaiting Paul in the near future? What compelled him to continue on his journey?

## Living it Out

1. Of the 3 ways discussed (serving, proclaiming and following the Spirit's lead), how is God challenging you to greater faithfulness to His call?
2. How passionate or "emotionally stirred" are you regarding the lost, the wayward and the glory of God?
3. How would you describe a life that is faithful to God? How can you grow in faithfulness to your calling? How would you like people to remember you and your life?
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