

## SERMON NOTES

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**Acts 20:16-38**  
*Passing The Baton*  
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"I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me, the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." [v. 24]

### 1] PREPARE TO PASS THE BATON

"I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you, but have taught you publicly and from house to house." [v. 20]

"I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus." [v. 21]

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers . . . when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery." [vv. 10, 12]

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### 2] YOU MUST HAVE THE BATON TO PASS THE BATON

"Watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." [v. 28]

"I urge you to imitate me. For this reason, I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church." [I Corinthians 4:16-17]

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must now love one another . By this will all people know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." [John 13:34-35]

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### 3] PASS THE RIGHT BATON!

"I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears." [vv. 29-31]

"Now I commit you to God and the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." [v. 32]

"I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." [Vv. 34-35]

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### 4] LEAVING STILL HURTS

"When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again . ." [vv. 36-38]