

# A Shepherd's Farewell

Acts 20:17-38

PART TWO

## Introduction

**Christianity is relational, it's personal.**

Considering the life and ministry of the apostle Paul – *fellow pastor*.

***Four Marks of a Faithful Shepherd.***

## II. Personal Reflections (vv22-27)

**v22 - v23**

**1) A faithful shepherd perseveres with courage in the face of evil and opposition.**

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**2) A faithful shepherd willingly gives his life to the One it belongs for the sake of the Gospel.**

***"finish my course"***

2 Timothy 4:6-8

**The Christian life is a *warfare* from beginning to end.**

Philippians 2:17

Psalms 39:4-5

**v25**

**3) A faithful shepherd often walks alone.**

He walks with God, not men. His battle is mainly internal and so he must fight that battle alone.

"You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me," 2 Timothy 1:15

2 Timothy 4:10

2 Timothy 4:16-18

This isn't to say that the shepherd has no help, support, or the love of some people who accompany him.

John 16:32

"And they all left him and fled." Mark 14:50

**v26 - v27**

**4) A faithful shepherd declares the whole counsel of God boldly, without apology.**

"Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you." Titus 2:15

Numbers 24:13

Job 6:10