

**EXPOSITORY SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS, #37**  
**Section Three, “The Foreign Emphasis,” Part One**  
**“Paul is a Pioneer for the Continuation of the Church,” #6**  
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**“The Missionaries Face the Danger of Death,” 14:19-28**  
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***INTRODUCTION:***

***SneakPreview:*** Paul gives a new meaning to the phrase, “It ain’t over ‘till it’s over.” When God has a plan for our lives, nothing, I mean NOTHING, can stop us from doing God’s will.

***PROPOSITION:*** Luke offers a five-fold description of Paul’s ministry that is so committed that Paul even faces the danger of death with courage.

***I. PAUL’S WAS A MINISTRY OF PRESERVATION. Vss. 19, 20.***

A. Paul was Preserved from **Death**. Vs. 19.

B. Paul was Preserved for **Departure**. Vs. 20.

***LifePoint*** One: “Near death experiences” or any tragedy must not be used as an excuse to cease serving, but a catalyst to serving without hesitation!

***II. PAUL’S WAS A MINISTRY OF PERSISTENCE. Vss. 21, 22.***

A. Paul and Barnabas were Persistent in **Making** Disciples. Vs. 21a.

B. Paul and Barnabas were Persistent in **Ministering** to Disciples. Vss. 21b, 22.

***LifePoint*** Two: True ministry is “other centered.” The committed servant sacrifices not only to bring people to Christ, but to “bring them up” in Christ.

***III. PAUL’S WAS A MINISTRY OF PREPARATION. Vs. 23.***

A. Paul and Barnabas **Selected** Elders for the Church.

B. Paul and Barnabas **Sanctified** Elders unto Christ.

**LifePoint** Three: A repeated principle in the book of Acts is: Church leaders are to be selected and ordained by Church leaders.

#### ***IV. PAUL'S WAS A MINISTRY OF PERSEVERANCE. Vss. 24, 25.***

A. Paul and Barnabas **Pass** Through the Towns. Vs. 24.

B. Paul and Barnabas **Preach** to the Towns. Vs. 25.

**LifePoint** Four: Christian service involves repetitive contact with those whom we serve. No amount of programs, methods, or strategies can replace the "human touch."

#### ***V. PAUL'S WAS A MINISTRY OF PARTNERSHIP. Vss. 26-28.***

A. Paul and Barnabas **Returned** to Antioch. Vs. 26.

B. Paul and Barnabas **Reported** to Antioch. Vs. 27.

C. Paul and Barnabas **Remained** in Antioch. Vs. 28.

**LifePoint** Five: Leaders in the Church live by a difficult paradox: While leaders have authority, they also have accountability. In reality, one cannot have authority without accountability, nor accountability without authority.

#### ***APPLICATION:***

**PowerPoint:** Fellowship is just as important as any of the church's purposes. Fellowship, however, goes beyond socializing. True Christians fellowship in sufferings as well as success.