

Warning: Beware of the Wolves and the Worms

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B. His Message

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III. He reminded them of the Mission he was on

His Destination: Jerusalem

His Expectation: There will be chains and tribulations

His Resolution: My life is expendable

His Goal: I will finish well with joy and faithfulness

His Farewell: I have been faithful

IV. He Reminded them of the Mandate given to them

"Shepherd the Flock of God"

Paul's Mandate to the Elders was clear: (Five Parts)

1. The Inspection: Examine yourself
2. The Appointment: The Holy Spirit has called you
3. The Instruction: Shepherd the Church
4. The Investment: The church was purchased by the blood of Christ
5. The Warning: There will be Predators and Parasites

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