

**Paul traveled through the interior regions
until he reached Ephesus, on the coast...**

Acts 19:1

Ephesus Paul = Swaggy Paul

Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next **three months**, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God.

Acts 19:8

But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way. So Paul left the synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held **daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for the next **two years**, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord.**

Acts 19:9-10

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A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!” Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

Acts 19:13-16

The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored. Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their incantation books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. So the message about the Lord spread widely and had a powerful effect.

Acts 19:17-20

**Paul wanted to go in, too, but the believers wouldn't let him.
Some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, also sent a message
to him, begging him not to risk his life by entering the amphitheater.**

Acts 19:30-31

Paul in Ephesus	-	54-57
Ephesians	-	60-62
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[To the church in Ephesus write,] “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of My name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned **the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.**

Revelation 2:2-5

- 1. Effort: You are hard workers.**
- 2. Holiness: You are unfazed by cultural opposition.**
- 3. Doctrine: You are protectors of the truth.**
- 4. Passion: You are committed and tireless.**

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Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40

**In the complexity of understanding God,
it's easy to lose sight of the simplicity of following Jesus.**

1. Simplicity: Keep it simple.

2. Connectivity: Bridge the generational gap.

“There is no other institution that suffers from time as much as religion. At the moment when it is possible a whole generation might have learned something, the learners and their learning are removed by death, and the Church is confronted with the necessity of beginning all over again.”

-Charles Williams

Connectivity. Bridge the generational gap.
To the Older: LEAD!

a. Coach or Lead a Community Group.

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b. Lead in our Family Ministries.

c. Pray for UofL.

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To the Older: LEAD!

To the Younger: SUBMIT!

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Revelation 2:4-5

STAKEHOLDER

LEVEL 1
“INITIAL”

LEVEL 2
“CONSISTENT”

LEVEL 3
“INTENTIONAL”

GENEROSITY

ONE-TIME
GIFT

GIVE
A PREDETERMINED
% REGULARLY

GIVE 10%
OR MORE

SERVANTHOOD

ONE-TIME
SERVE EVENT

JOIN
A SERVE TEAM
FOR A TRIAL PERIOD

ANNUAL COMMITMENT
TO SERVE TEAM

COMMUNITY

ONE-TIME LARGE
GROUP EVENT

SHORT-TERM
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

JOIN
A COMMUNITY GROUP

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