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Acts 20:13-16 13But we, going ahead to the ship, set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for so he had arranged it, intending himself to go by land. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene. 15 Sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and the day following we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

# Talk Together:

- 1. What did Paul do after the uproar in Ephesus? What does that tell us about his commitment to God's mission for his life?
- 2. When you face opposition like Paul did, how do you respond?
- 3. Why do you think Paul brought people with him whenever he traveled? What do you think he was doing with them?
- 4. What do verses 13-16 tell us about Paul's focus and drive to do God's will? How does God want you to respond to the challenge to be part of Missions?

## **Conviction:**

I commit to follow God's mission of discipling the nations, overcoming obstacles in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Application:**

What specific steps would you take to help expand God's kingdom and bring the good news to all the nations?

**Pray Together:** Dear Lord, grant us grace to put You first in every area of our life. Empower us to be committed followers of Christ and give us the boldness to obey your command to make disciples. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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