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***“WE ARE NEVER MORE IN STEP WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT THAN WHEN WE ARE
ENCOURAGING.”***

Scott Gilchrest



*Paul's Third
Missionary Journey*

The Situation

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A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. John 15:20b

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:10-12

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” Matthew 5:44

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:1

Ground yourself in the weightiness of Scriptural truth

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² When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. ³ There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

Be encouraged by doing ministry on a team

⁴ **Sopater** the Berean, son of Pyrrhus, accompanied him; and of the Thessalonians, **Aristarchus** and **Secundus**; and **Gaius** of Derbe, and **Timothy**; and the Asians, **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**. ⁵ These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, ⁶ but we sailed away from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days we came to them at Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

Encourage those who come behind by
investing in future ministers

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Be encouraged and seek to encourage by gathering weekly

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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

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²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. ⁹And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer.

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Be encouraged by Christ victory over death

¹⁰ But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.”

¹² And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Let us encourage each other by taking communion

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to **break bread**,

¹¹ And when Paul had gone up and had **broken bread** and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed.