

### **Recap of 6/19/22 message by Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 20:19-27**

1. *"Hate what is evil; cling to what is good." (Romans 12:9)*

*-The mood of the age is to put up with evil, allow it, and then move easily to play with it and finally practice it. Tolerance is a pet word these days, and we stretch our consciences while we 'broaden our minds...Nothing is more dangerous to our spiritual well-being than a mild amiability that smiles at sin. Some have come to think that there is something noble in a mild attitude toward sin.*

*Compassion on the sinful is one thing, but never confuse it with tolerance of evil." (Vance Havner)*

2. *"[Paul] had told them all God's will and pandered neither to the fear nor the favor of men." (Barclay)*

*- "[Paul] was no seeker after popularity or the public's approval." (Blaklock)*

3. *"American evangelical Protestantism has been accused of producing 'still-born Christians.' The first stages of faith are reiterated with scant attention to the next step. The result can be Christians of stunted growth who never take root. Such infantile discipleship may be enough for a church where accommodation is the name of the game, a church which never challenges the status quo or the powers-that-be, yet it is no match for the great threats to the gospel which are presented by both culture and life itself...The ministry of teaching and strengthening the church may not be so glamorous or so satisfying as preaching before mobs, winning new converts, founding new churches....No one forgets Paul's conversion or the riot at Ephesus or his sea voyage, but who remembers the months of patient day-to-day teaching and nurture in which Paul engaged during his ministry of strengthening the churches?" (Willimon)*

4. *"One day life will end, and we will have to give our farewell speech. Can we look back without regret and look ahead without fear. Will we finish our race with joy even while others are weeping?" (Wiersbe)*