

# Paul Reaches Jerusalem



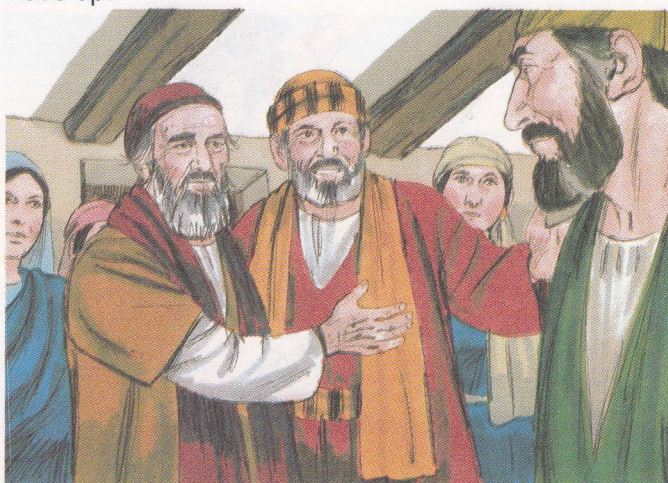
**1** Paul went back through Macedonia and Greece, encouraging the churches there. Then he sailed back toward Jerusalem. On the way, he stopped for a farewell visit with the Ephesian elders.



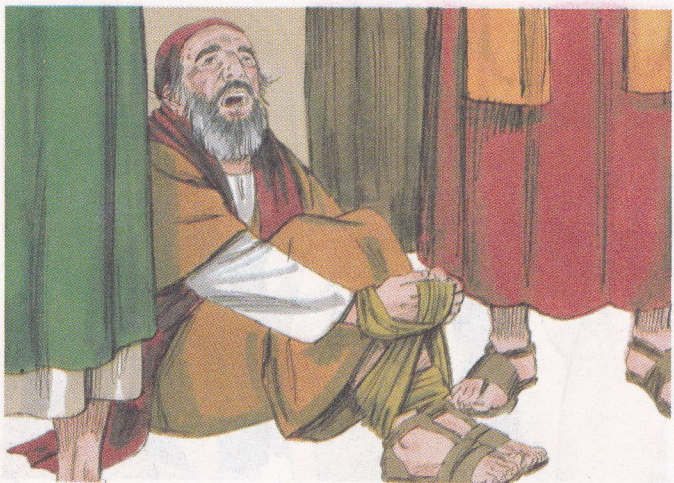
**2** When he and his helpers reached Tyre, they stayed for a week with the disciples there. These disciples begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem, but Paul's mind was made up.



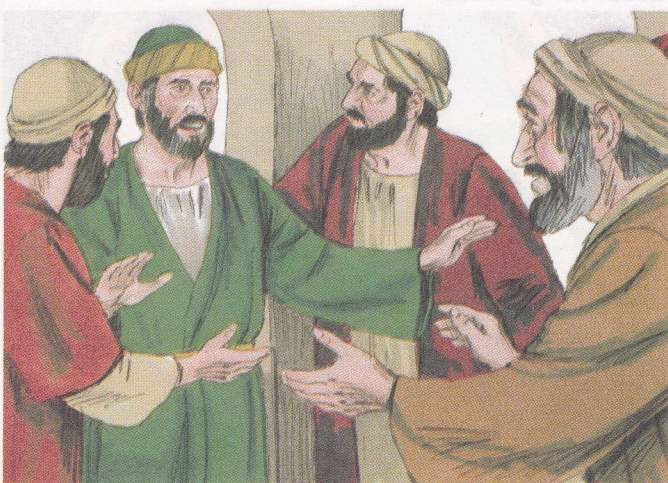
**3** These disciples and their wives and children went with Paul to the beach. They knelt there and prayed. After saying good-bye, Paul and his helpers sailed away.



**4** When they arrived in Caesarea, they stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist. After a few days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

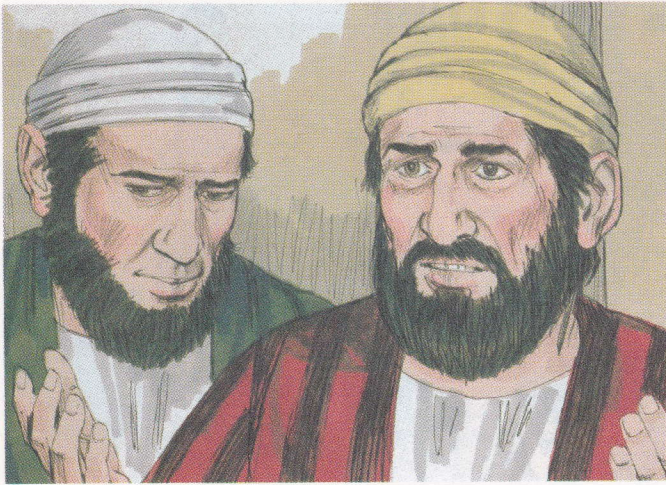


**5** Agabus took Paul's belt and tied his own hands and feet with it. He said, "In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and hand him over to the Gentiles."

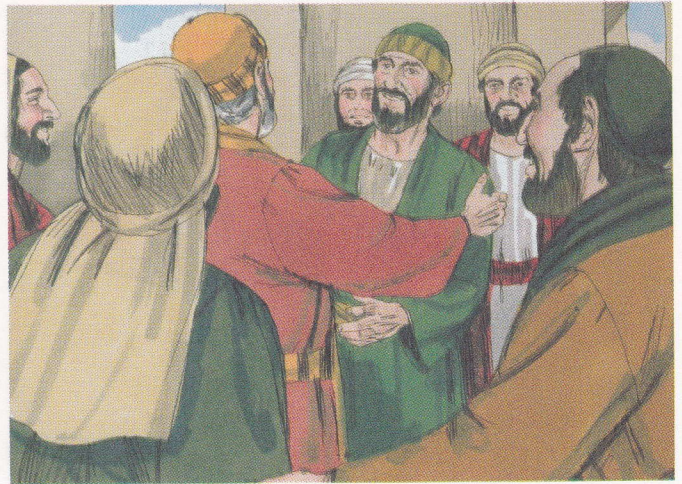


**6** Hearing this, Paul's helpers and the other believers begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem. But Paul said, "Why are you breaking my heart by asking me not to go?"





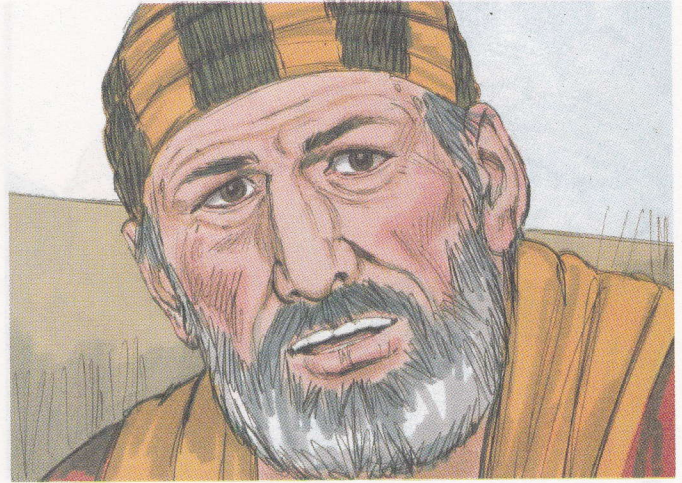
**7** "I am ready not only to be tied up but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." So they gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."



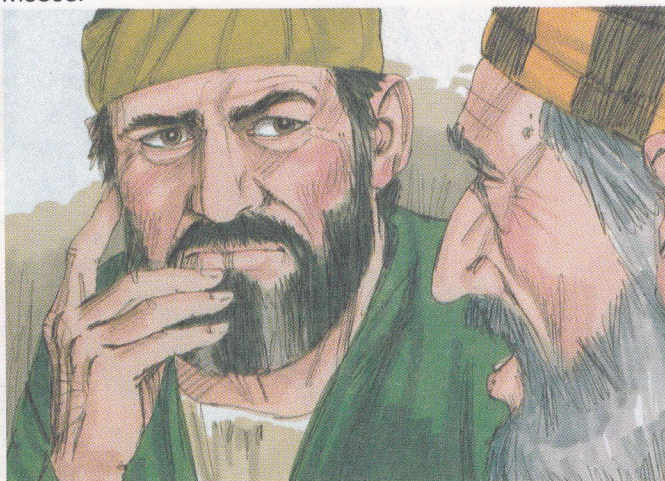
**8** So Paul and his helpers went on to Jerusalem. The next day they went to see James and the elders of the church. Paul told them what God had done among the Gentiles through him.



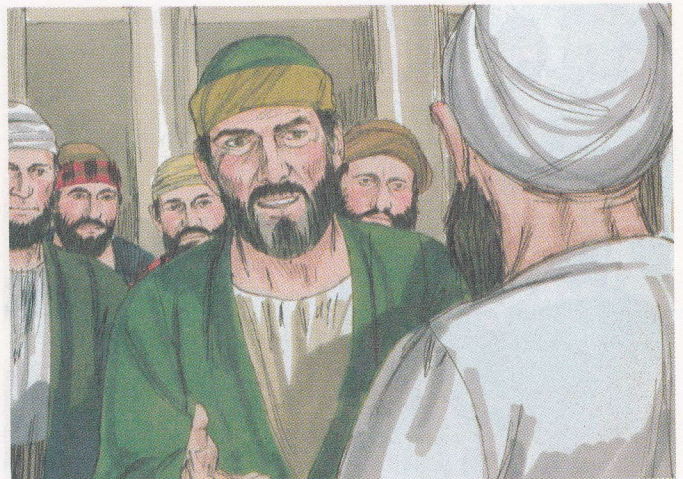
**9** When they heard these things, they praised God. Then they said to Paul, "There are many Jews who have believed in Jesus. All of them are zealous for the law of Moses."



**10** "But they have heard that you teach the Jews who live among the Gentiles to ignore our Jewish customs."



**11** "Four men have made a vow. Join them in their purification rites and pay their expenses. Then all will know that you yourself live in obedience to the law."



**12** So Paul purified himself with these four men. He also made arrangements for the offering to be made at the temple for each of them when the purification was over.