

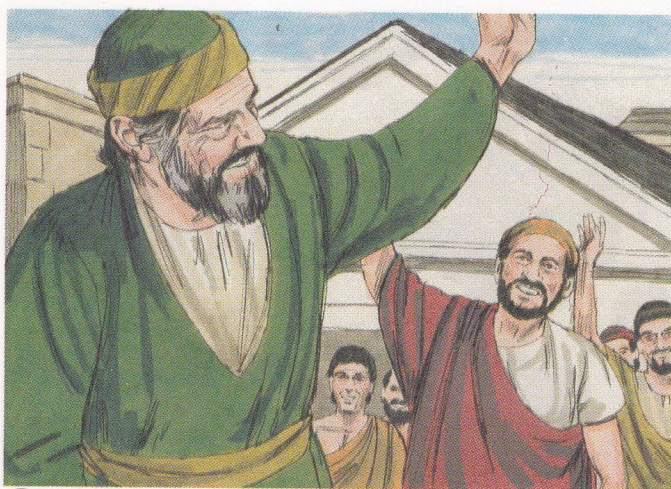
Paul's Last Days



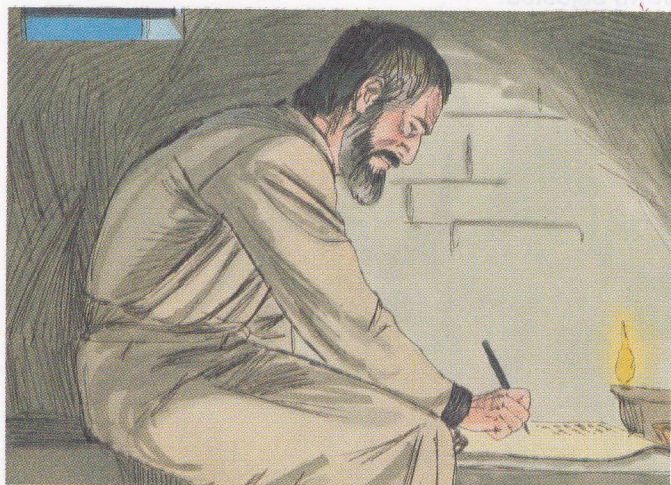
1 When the Book of Acts closed, Paul had been a prisoner in Rome for two years. Apparently Paul was released and continued to travel and preach.



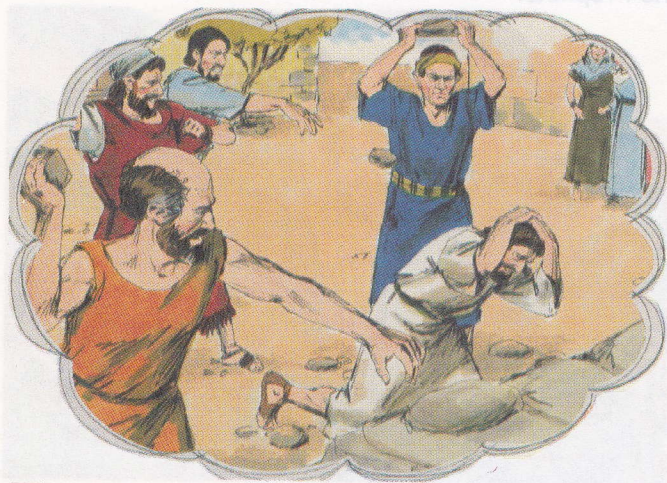
2 On his way to Macedonia, Paul left Timothy in Ephesus. "Stay here and command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer," he instructed Timothy.



3 Paul also left Titus in Crete. He said to Titus, "Straighten out what is unfinished and appoint elders in every town."



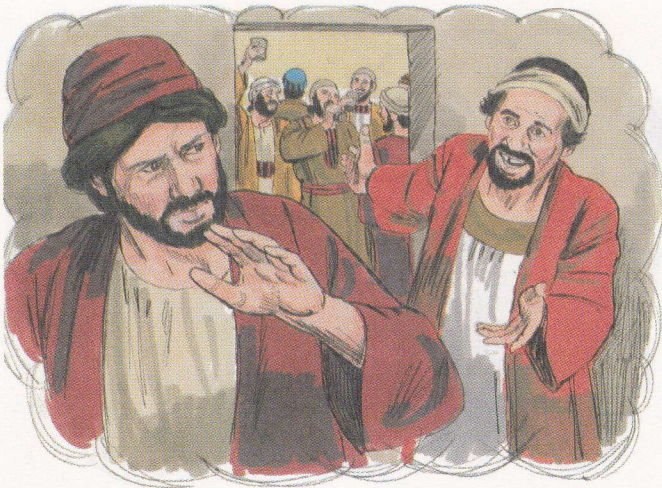
4 When Paul wrote to Timothy the second time, he was in prison again. "Do not be ashamed of me, his prisoner," Paul wrote. "Join me in suffering for the gospel of God."



5 "I was appointed an apostle and teacher of this gospel. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed!"



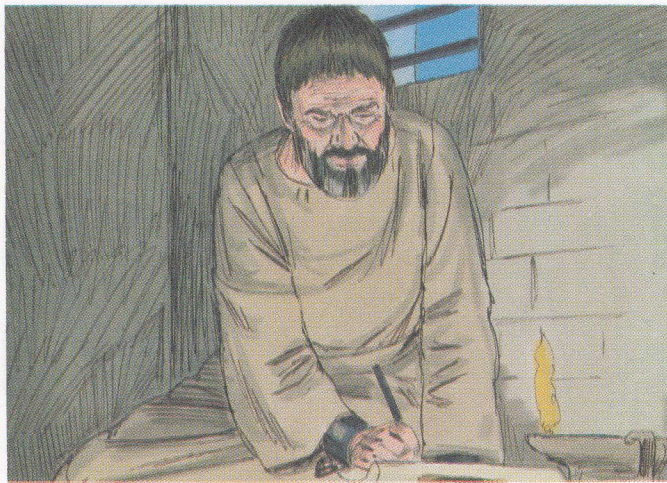
6 "My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Entrust the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses to reliable men who can teach them to others."



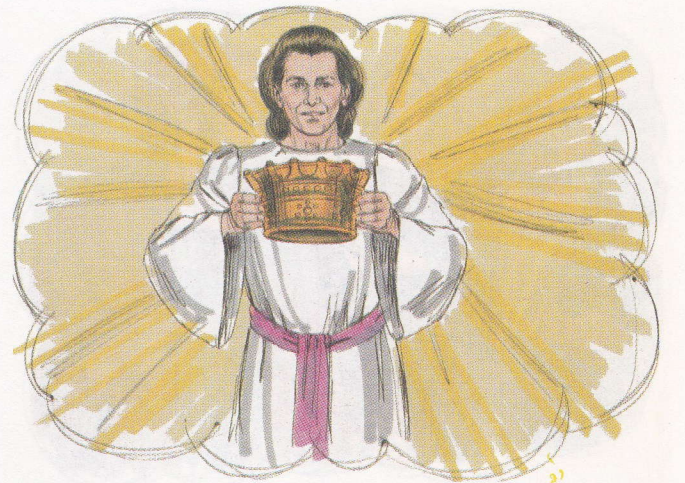
7 “Flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”



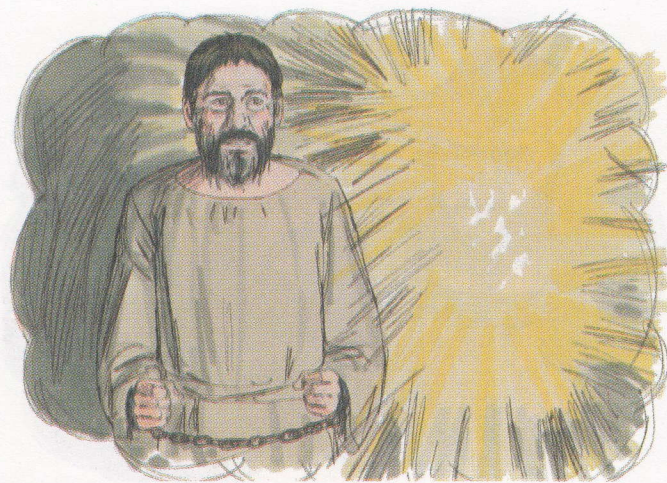
8 “Preach the word. Correct, rebuke, and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. Endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”



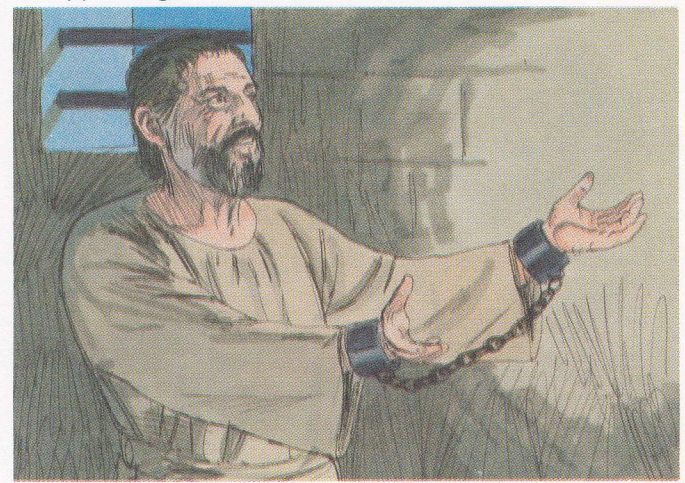
9 “The time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.”



10 “Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord will award to me on that day, and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.”



11 “At my first defense no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. Yet the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength so that the message might be fully proclaimed!”



12 “And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth! The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom! To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”