

# Acts 20:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.' The 30-mile summons brought Ephesian leaders for a final meeting. Paul's determination to reach Jerusalem for Pentecost (v.16) prevented Ephesian visit, but pastoral concern demanded this gathering.

## Historical Context

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Miletus was a port city south of Ephesus. The elders' journey (likely taking a full day each way) shows their responsiveness to Paul's summons.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What does summoning elders from a distance teach about pastoral priorities?
2. How did Paul balance travel schedule with pastoral care?

## Interlinear Text

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from And G3588 Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called  
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τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας  
the elders of the church  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 11:30** (Parallel theme): Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**1 Timothy 5:17** (Parallel theme): Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

**Acts 14:23** (Parallel theme): And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

**Acts 20:28** (Parallel theme): Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**James 5:14** (Parallel theme): Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

**Titus 1:5** (Parallel theme): For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: