

Acts 20:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Analysis

'When he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.' Prayer concluded the farewell, committing them to God. Kneeling expressed humility and earnestness. Shared prayer bonded departing shepherd and remaining flock.

Historical Context

Corporate prayer was standard for farewells in early Christianity (Acts 21:5). The posture and shared experience deepened emotional bonds.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Why is prayer essential in ministry transitions?
2. What does kneeling together express about shared dependence on God?

Interlinear Text

Καὶ	ταῦτα	εἰπὼν	θεὶς	τὰ	γόνατα	αὐτοῖς	σὺν
And	when he had thus	spoken	down	G3588	kneeled	them	with
G2532	G5023	G2036	G5087		G1119	G846	G4862
πᾶσιν	αὐτοῖς	προσηύξατο					
all	them	and prayed					
G3956	G846	G4336					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 21:5 (Prayer): And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

Luke 22:41 (Prayer): And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

Acts 7:60 (Parallel theme): And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.