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Who you are is who you attract, or more simply, you will attract people like yourself. In many cases, this can be a good thing, but it is also a call to action to know your weaknesses and seek to grow out of them with other men in God's Word.

Wednesday Morning | 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
Reach out to Pastor Joey Stutson about meeting Live for Breakfast

Read The Text

- Read Acts 20
- Learn to **A.C.T.**

A is for Apply

As you learn new information think of what you can you apply, instantly? What are you learning that you can apply to your business or life?

C stands for Change

What's one thing that you can change? You just heard this fantastic new information, what's one thing in your daily routine, in your meditation and fitness exercises, in your prospecting, or in your leadership style that you can change to make you better right now!

T is for Teach

When you teach, you internalize, and when you internalize, you own it. When you teach something, it goes from your head, into your heart, and into your soul. Become your content. What I encourage you to do is to be like a river not a reservoir.

Key Verse

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."¹

Word and Application

- How did Paul's ministry in Troas demonstrate the importance of gathering together as believers to worship, hear the Word of God, and break bread together? (Acts 20:7-12)
- In what ways did Paul's farewell address to the elders of Ephesus illustrate his pastoral heart and concern for the spiritual well-being of the church? (Acts 20:13-38)
- How did Paul's example of sacrificial service, even to the point of risking his own life, challenge and inspire the Ephesian elders to follow his example? (Acts 20:18-24)
- How did Paul's declaration that he was "innocent of the blood of all" demonstrate his faithfulness in preaching the whole counsel of God and warning people of the consequences of rejecting the gospel? (Acts 20:26-27)
- How did Paul's warning to the Ephesian elders about the coming danger of false teachers and wolves in sheep's clothing demonstrate his concern for the purity of the church? (Acts 20:28-31)
- How did Paul's example of working with his own hands to support himself and others challenge and inspire the Ephesian elders to imitate his example of self-sacrifice? (Acts 20:33-35)
- In what ways did Paul's example of persevering in the face of persecution and opposition encourage the Ephesian believers to remain steadfast in their faith? (Acts 20:22-24, 29-31)
- How does the example of the early church's practice of breaking bread and sharing meals together challenge us to build meaningful relationships with other believers? (Acts 20:7-12)
- How did Paul's example of humility and servant leadership challenge the Ephesian elders to prioritize the spiritual well-being of the church above their own personal gain or status? (Acts 20:18-24)
- What can we learn from Paul's example of entrusting the Ephesian believers to God and his grace, and his assurance that he had proclaimed the whole counsel of God to them? (Acts 20:32)

Action Step

In *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, John Maxwell writes, "A leader must give up to go up." He's talking about the Law of Sacrifice, a law that every leader like the apostle Paul will face sooner rather than later.

People who become leaders because they only desire power or wealth end up leading their companies down dangerous roads, accompanied by scandal, employee turnover, and corruption. The only way to sustain success at your organization is if you, as the leader, are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of the company.

THE LAW OF SACRIFICE = THE HEART OF LEADERSHIP

As you rise in leadership, your responsibilities increase as your rights decrease. Think about it: can you expect your employees to work long hours, give up their vacation time, or stay focused around the holidays if you as their leader aren't willing to do those things?

It's your job as their leader to embody the qualities you want to see, and chief among them is dedication. There's no more significant way to show your commitment to the company than through the Law of Sacrifice. Maxwell writes about four critical aspects of the Law of Sacrifice:

1. **There is no success without sacrifice.** If you think about life's great achievements—graduation, marriage, career—each comes with an equally enormous amount of sacrifice. Even the most successful people we can think of, such as athletes or celebrities, must put in long hours and give up the luxury of living a normal life to get where they are.
2. **Leaders are often asked to give up more than others.** Maxwell writes, "The heart of leadership is putting others ahead of yourself." When you have no responsibilities, you have total freedom to do whatever you want. However, the higher you climb on the leadership ladder, the more responsibilities you acquire and the more sacrifices you must make.
3. **You must keep giving up to stay up.** Short-term sacrifices are easy to justify. People are willing to put in long hours if it means they'll get a quick promotion. However, to continue moving up the ladder, you must continue to make sacrifices. As Maxwell says, "Leadership success requires continual change, constant improvement, and ongoing sacrifice."
4. **The higher the level of leadership, the higher the sacrifice.** No matter your industry or career path, increasing leadership means increasing sacrifice. You must be prepared to give up your free time, your family time, and sometimes even your salary to maintain the success of your company and its employees.

ARE YOU SACRIFICING ENOUGH?

Action: Use the [Leadership Resources learning journey](#) to share with other men. Visit www.unitefellowship.com to learn how easy it is to lead men to Christ with influence and trust.

Prayer

Pray for God to inspire you to lead men to Jesus and invite other men to our Unite Group.