

HIS POSITION PRESERVED HIM

⁶And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

- Paul is visiting the churches he founded. "He is in the mindset of Go" much of his endeavors required extensive travel just to get to where he was assigned. Convenience was never a consideration for a decision to "go" "Think of Today"

⁷And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

- This is repeated throughout the New Testament and the reason we have Church on Sunday. It is the day Christ was resurrected.
- It would also appear that either a communion or repasts of some sort was included in the fellowship.
- Paul was hours preaching and they were hours listening, "they that hunger and thirst". Today's church has been conditioned by the world to guard or be cautious about giving God too much time. "In His Presence Is Fullness Of Joy." Example - you see someone experiencing the presence without feeling anything"? Till Midnight (no one was looking back at the clock or on their cell phone checking the time)

⁸And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

- This is a reference to the natural, but has great implications for the spiritual. There were many lights "Let your light so shine before men" Lights shining in the place they were gathered. Not a light (Paul) - many who had a hunger for God's word- Hunger for fellowship in him- Hunger or desire to give thanks and praise the Lord.

⁹And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

- Eutychus positioned himself to hear. Sat in the window- watching the world trying to listen to God at the same time.
- Young immature, not seasoned, not wise, undisciplined and easily distracted and still somewhat disconnected. (window of the cell phone in service)

¹⁰ And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

- He fell out and Paul went down and fell upon him.
- He embraced him. There is a hug in service but that's convenience. How about helping them to find a part time job or taking the time to tutor or come to their house and repair a bike or help them make an outfit. He embraced his life! He put his spiritual ear to the heart beat of the Holy Spirit. "There is life in him" I know it looks like he's dead but I divinely detect a faint spiritual heart beat. Remember he had positioned himself to hear just not in the best of positions.

¹¹ When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

- Paul demonstrates the necessity to take the time to invest in someone, but remains focus on his mission to the masses. Finished his message and his assignment to fellowship with them- and they take over. "The other Lights in the Room"

¹² And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

- The lights in the room took him from where he was and brought him to where he was supposed to be and advised him against distractions and double mindedness.