

Strengthening the Church

Acts 20:1-16





Revival in Ephesus

John's disciples believe in Jesus
Jewish exorcists fail to reproduce Paul's miracles
Magic books burnt
Demetrius & craftsmen of Diana cause uproar against the Way

Paul exhorts Ephesian elders & says tribulations & chains await him in Jerusalem
Elders weep because they won't see Paul anymore

Disciples warn Paul on the Journey to Jerusalem
Paul determined to do the will of the Lord and go to Jerusalem

Paul arrested in the Temple
Paul defends himself & witnesses to the Jews in Jerusalem

Paul restores life to young Eutychus

1. Strong Churches Encourage

a. Do Not Shrink!

d. Pay Attention!

c. Work Hard!



2. Strong Churches Endure

a. Wait

d. Work

c. Plan





3. Strong Churches Grow

a. To Love them Well

d. To Encourage them Well

c. To Disciple them Well



4. Strong Churches Give

a. To Meet Needs

d. To Promote Gospel

c. To Promote Unity

5. Strong Churches Gather

a. Fellowship

d. Communion

c. Teaching





6. Strong Churches are Powerful

a. Church should be known for Miracles

d. Church should be known for Hope

c. Church should be known for Truth

6. Strong Churches are Universal





**Keep Going
Keep Growing
Keep Giving
Keep Gathering**