

THE BOY WHO FELL FROM A WINDOW

Acts 20:1-38.

LESSON 134 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Glorify God for his mercy" (Romans 15:9).

BIBLE TEXT

Acts 20:1-38.

1 ¶ And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And 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.

7 ¶ And 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.

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

9 And 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.

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

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.

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

13 ¶ And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul:

for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 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.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an

inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

Paul's Sermon

For one week Paul had been with friends in the city of Troas. The revival meetings ended on a Sunday evening with a farewell service for Paul and his party. Early the next day they were to begin the long journey to Jerusalem. Paul loved these dear people who had listened to his sermons all week, but he wanted to preach one more sermon to them. He must teach them all he could about Jesus. Then they could go and teach others to love and serve Jesus, too.

Paul was always busy working for Jesus. This was his third missionary journey; and although he suffered many hard things, he was determined to keep right on telling the Gospel Story. He knew that there was a crown of life waiting for him at the end of his life.

It was not in a beautiful church where the revival services were held, but in a room on the third floor of a building. The place was filled with people who had come to hear Paul's last sermon – not everyone had a chair. Perhaps some of the people leaned against the wall, others may have sat on the floor. One young man named Eutychus found a seat in a window.

The Young Man Who Slept

The minutes ticked into hours, until the clock struck midnight. Preacher Paul had more to say, so he kept right on teaching the people. Everyone sat listening, except the young man in the window. He must have been just too sleepy to keep his eyes open. No doubt the window still was not very comfortable, so in his sleep Eutychus might have moved and tried to find a better spot. Can you guess what happened? Out of the window he fell! Down, down, from the third floor to the ground below — what a long way to fall!

The meeting broke up at once, as the people rushed to the door and down the steps. They hurried to the young man and bent over his body. The fall had killed him.

A Miracle

But Paul quickly came to the rescue. He threw his arms around the boy and said to the people, "Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him." Through the faith of the man of God, the young man was once more alive!

As Eutychus opened his eyes and looked about him, he probably wondered just what had happened. Oh, yes, he had gone to sleep in church and fallen from the window. He knew that a miracle had happened or he would not be alive, and the friends who stood around him also realized that this was a miracle. We feel sure that Eutychus never forgot the day he fell asleep in church.

Leaving Troas

Let us go back to the upstairs room with Paul and the people. There they ate bread in memory of the last supper that Jesus ate with His disciples just before He was crucified. These people were so eager to learn all they could from Paul, the faithful missionary, that the rest of the night was spent talking about the things of God and Heaven.

Then as daylight began to appear it was time to say good-by. Among the group of people who gathered about Paul was the young man who had been raised from the dead only a few hours before. Many hearts were made glad because of Paul's visit to the Christians in Troas.

The Same Jesus

When we read a story like this, our faith should become strong. We are serving the same Jesus whom Paul served and whose power has never changed. Jesus heals sick bodies today just as He did when He was on the earth.

The story of the healing of this boy recently brought faith to little Donna, aged four and a half, who was threatened with pneumonia. She asked her grandmother to read to her from her much-worn Testament. The grandmother read, in Matthew 9, that Jesus healed a little girl; and also in Acts 20:9-12, about the boy who was raised from the dead. She then told the child to place the Testament under her pillow, and Jesus would heal her, too. Little Donna stopped coughing at once, and soon she threw off the covers, slid out of bed and said, "Jesus healed the little girl, He healed the little boy, and He has healed me."

When we pray to Jesus, we must believe that He hears us, and then we may expect an answer every time. There is nothing too hard for Him to do.

QUESTIONS

1. How long was Paul in Troas? Acts 20:6
2. Tell what happened to Eutychus when he fell asleep. Acts 20:9
3. What did Paul do then? Acts 20:10.
4. What did Jesus say about giving and receiving? Acts 20:35.
5. Was Paul's life always an easy one? Acts 20:19-24.

LESSON RESOURCES

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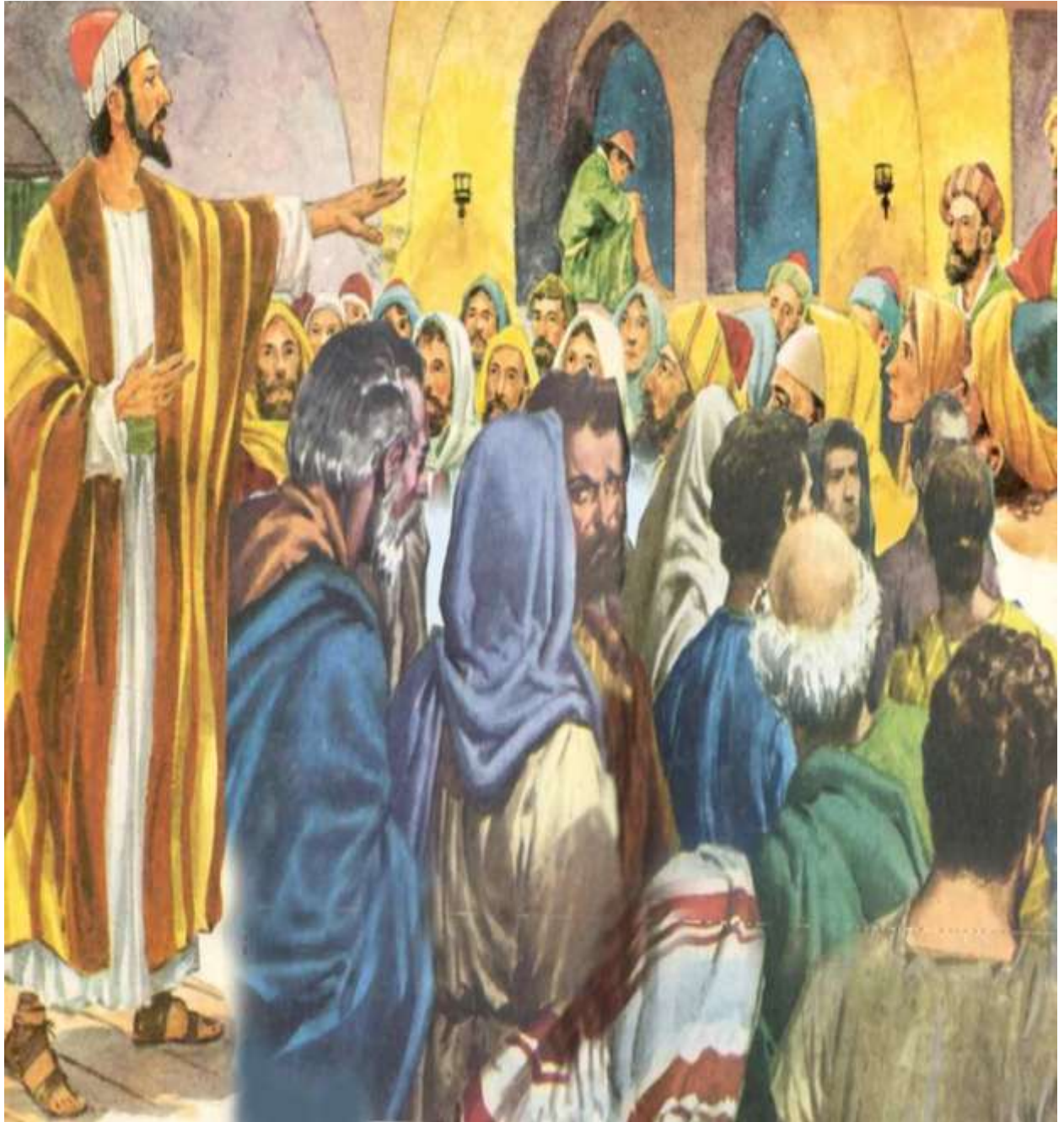
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He cannot fail, He pledged His Word

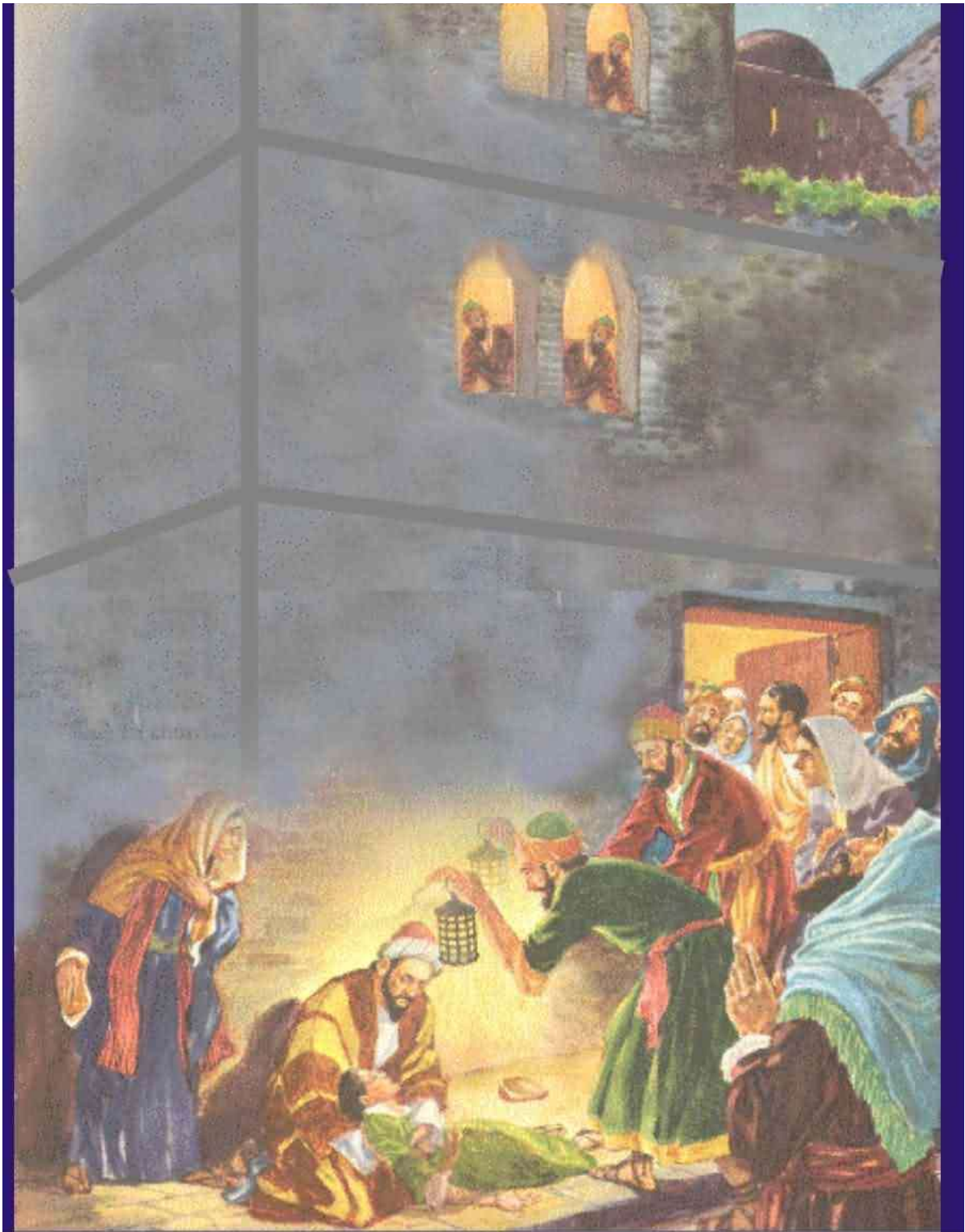
He cannot fail, He'll see you through

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PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3

