

Series: Rediscovering the Local Church
Elders: The Shepherds of the Local Church
Text: Acts 20:17-38

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Main Idea: Faithful eldership looks like mature Christian men humbly shepherding, leading, and protecting the church *through* their winsome, persevering, and fearless proclamation of God's authoritative Word *as* they prayerfully depend on God's grace and power for everything they need to fulfill their calling.

Sermon Outline:

I. What is an Elder? (Acts 20:17; 28)

II. What Should Elder Leadership Look Like? (Acts 20:18–32)

A. Faithful Elders Continue to Serve in Spite the Pain (20:18–19)

B. Faithful Elders Don't Water Down the Gospel when Things Get Hard (20:20–21)

C. Faithful Elders Persevere in Faithfulness Despite the Cost (20:22–24)

D. Faithful Elders Carefully Guard their Lives and God's Flock (20:28–30)

E. Faithful Elders Must Depend on God and Trust his Word for Everything they Need (20:32)