# What the Church Relies On: How Shepherds Handle God’s Word (Acts 20:1-32) – October 3, 2021

**1) The preservation of the life of Eutychus through Paul was a tangible reminder that Jesus has spoken His authoritative message through the apostle.**

**2) The example of Paul’s ministry demonstrates that the teaching of God’s word is central to the life of the Church.**

**3) A church leader is innocent for the spiritual lostness of the members of his congregation only if he has not held back from teaching the whole of God’s word.**

**4) Church leaders need to study God’s word regularly in order to avoid becoming a false teacher or allowing false teachers to lead church members astray.**

**5) God’s grace to protect and build up believers is *through* church leaders shepherding the flock with the word of God.**