

## The Blessing of Serving Beside You

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**Acts 20:28-31**

I am truly humbled and grateful for this recognition today. Serving this church family for the past twenty-five years has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Any good that has come from my service is only by the grace of God and the support of so many faithful people here. I am thankful for the opportunity to walk alongside you, to grow with you, and to serve our Lord together. To God be the glory, now and for always.

### **1. Shepherding People Can Sometimes Be a Battle**

**(Acts 20:28a)** Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God

### **2. Serving People is a Great Responsibility Because it is a People Purchased with the Blood of Jesus**

**(Acts 20:28b)** which he purchased with his own blood.

### **3. Preaching the Word of God Requires a Commitment to the Truth**

**(Acts 20:29-30)** I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup> Men will rise up even from your own number and distort the truth to lure the disciples into following them.

### **4. Protecting Sheep Requires, Alertness, Passion & Emotion**

**(Acts 20:31)** Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for three years I never stopped warning each one of you with tears.