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Counterintuitive Key: Getting More (Acts 20:20-37)

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Sermon Point 1: Understanding Why Getting Is Important

- In Acts 20:20-21, Paul speaks about teaching "publicly and from house to house." How does this reflect the importance of receiving knowledge before we can give to others?
- Paul emphasizes in verse 24 that his life is worth nothing unless he completes his mission. How does this perspective challenge our understanding of why we seek to "get" things in life?
- What are some ways in which receiving—whether wisdom, resources, or experiences—prepares us to be generous givers?

Sermon Point 2: Resisting the Desire for What Others Have

- In verse 33, Paul states, "I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing." How does this contrast with the modern struggle of comparison and materialism?
- What practical steps can we take to shift our focus from wanting more to being content with what we have?

Point 3: Slowing Down the Pursuit of Getting

- How can slowing down our pursuit of material gain help us recognize opportunities to give?
- What are some ways we can intentionally practice generosity in our daily lives?
- Share moments when you received something—wisdom, support, or financial help—that enabled you to give later.
- Brainstorm real ways you can slow your getting and increase giving of time, resources, care for others.
 - **For example, one way to slow getting is to** declutter your life—physically and financially and to create space for giving.
 - In smaller groups explain what this looks like in your life.

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