

**While In Corinth, God:  
Acts 18:24 / May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

- **...INCREASED Paul's Team: Priscilla and Aquila.**

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.<sup>2</sup> There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them,<sup>3</sup> and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.<sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:1-4

- **...PIVOTED Paul's Ministry Focus To The Gentiles.**

<sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.<sup>6</sup> But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."<sup>7</sup> Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God.<sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Acts 18:5-8

- **...Sent A Specific, Personal Note Of ENCOURAGEMENT To Paul.**

<sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.<sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."<sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Acts 18:9-11

<sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.<sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

- **...PROTECTED Paul Before The Authorities.**

<sup>12</sup> While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment.<sup>13</sup> "This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law."<sup>14</sup> Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you.<sup>15</sup> But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things."<sup>16</sup> So he drove them off.<sup>17</sup> Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.<sup>18</sup> Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time.

Acts 18:12-18

**Paul Finishes His 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey**

Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken.

Acts 18:18

- **Paul Visits Ephesus.**

<sup>19</sup> They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.<sup>20</sup> When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined.<sup>21</sup> But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.<sup>22</sup> When he landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch.<sup>23</sup> After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Acts 18:19-23

<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."<sup>14</sup> Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.<sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."<sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.

James 4:13-16