



How God Encourages the Weary

Acts 18:1-22

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Read Acts 18:1-22. (End of Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey)

Notes.

Paul wrote four letters that give us a better insight into his time in Corinth in Acts 18. 1 & 2 Corinthians and 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

1. GOD ENCOURAGES PAUL WITH HIS PEOPLE

- NEW FRIENDS

² He (Paul) met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Acts 18:2-3

- OLD FRIENDS

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. Acts 18:5

⁹ When I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. 2 Corinthians 11:9

2. GOD ENCOURAGES PAUL WITH HIS PRESENCE

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." Acts 18:9-10

If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31

3. GOD ENCOURAGES PAUL WITH HIS PROTECTION

¹⁴ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So he had them ejected from the court.

Acts 18:14-16

4. TRUST THE FRUIT OF GOD'S PLAN

"We are not necessarily doubting that God will do the best for us; we are wondering how painful the best will turn out to be." C.S. Lewis.

¹ From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes, our brother, ² to the church of God that is in Corinth. 1 Corinthians 1:1-2 (NET)

Community Group Questions:

1. What is your most important takeaway from this story?
2. Where do you find encouragement?
3. Who can you encourage today? This week?
4. Where do you find it most difficult to trust God's will/plan in your life?