

Upcoming Events

VBS 2026 – PLEASE PRAY!

Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

JOURNEY GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Open to anyone interested in facilitating a small group

Thursday, July 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Upper Family Life Center

RSVP to bonnie@troymc.org

See our website for additional details– troymc.org/events

Message Notes

July 5, 2026

Faith Extended: Corinth (Part 1): Staying When It's Hard

Acts 18:1-11

Goal of our Faith Extended series: Live our faith outwardly; Extend our faith beyond ourselves!

Notes on Corinth

- Rebuilt in 47 BC by Roman Empire because of its strategic location between sea ports
- Boomtown - very wealthy, great opportunity to start over and become prosperous
 - Aquilla and Priscilla started over in Corinth after being exiled from Rome (Acts 18:2)
- Competitive - host of Isthmian games
- Many religions - Temple of Apollo, worship of Caesar, Greek gods Zeus, Aphrodite
- Sexual indulgence and immorality - "Corinthianize" was to be promiscuous or morally depraved
- Status, influence, and honor were highly valued in Corinth

How the Gospel contradicted Corinthian culture

- status vs. humility
- honor vs. servanthood
- power vs. weakness
- self-promotion vs. seeking the good of others
- competition vs. unity in the body
- sexual freedom vs. holiness

Why Paul was discouraged

- Long travels for over a year and 3,000 miles
- Beatings, imprisonments (Philippi)
- Riots, resistance (Thessalonica, Berea)
- Mocking, sneering, rejection (Athens)
- Alone at first in Corinth (Acts 18:5)
- Financial need - returned to tent making (Acts 18:3)
- Abuse from Jews (Acts 18:5-6)

God's Encouragement to Paul (Acts 18:9-10)

- Do not be afraid - have courage
- Keep on speaking - persevere
- I am with you - you're not alone
- I have many people in this city - fruit will be born

Paul stayed for another year and a half. Where does God want you to stay even when it's hard?