

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“On Mission: Forward and Onward in the Face of Opposition”

(Acts 18:1-11)

❖ **Live On Mission with God and Others** (Acts 18:1-4)

“After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, 3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.” (Acts 18:1-4)

So Paul and this couple had a ...

- Shared Journey
- Shared Faith

“The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.” (Romans 16:19)

- Shared Interest
- Shared Experience

❖ Love as the Mission for God to Others (Acts 18:5-11)

“When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, ‘Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.’ 7 And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.’ 11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.” (Acts 18:5-11)

- Tenacity

“And we all with unveiled face beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, who is this Spirit.” (II Corinthians 3:18)

- Timely Affirmation (18:9-11)

“Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city” (18:9-10)

- The Lord Confirmed His Presence

“I am with you.” (Vs. 10)

"I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20)

The Lord's promise to Israel applies to all who are called by His name:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Isaiah 43:1-3)

- ▶ The Lord Confirmed His Protection

"No man will attack you in order to harm you." (Vs. 10)

- ▶ The Lord Confirmed His Purpose

"For this reason, I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory" (II Timothy 2:10)

- Teamwork

"For I have many people in this city." (Vs. 10)