

Pressing On
Acts 18:1-17

Why can you press on when you are ready to quit?

- I. The cause of discouragement
 - A. For Paul (v. 1-4, 6; 1 Cor. 2:1-3; 2 Cor. 2:17)
 - B. For you
- II. The reasons for pressing on
 - A. Christ is with you (v. 9, 10a, 5, 2 Cor. 11:9)
 - B. Christ protects you (v. 9, 10b, 12-17, John 15:2)
 - C. Christ has people for you to reach (v. 9, 10c, 8)

Application Guide:

1. What has you deeply discouraged and in a season where you feel like you have “hit a wall” or are ready to quit?
2. How does the promise of Jesus’ presence give you courage? As a member of his body and conduit of his grace, who do you need to encourage today?
3. How does the distinction between “hurt” and “harm” help you better understand Christ’s protection?
4. How does Jesus’ promise (“for I have many in this city who are my people”) help you continue to share the gospel when it isn’t easy or seems hopeless?