



Acts 1:8 – Jesus instructs the disciples to wait in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:39-40 – Paul and Silas released, return to Lydia's home.

Philippians 4:6-7 – "Be anxious for nothing..." written later to the Philippian church.

Acts 17:1-4 – Paul and Silas in Thessalonica; many believed.

Acts 17:9 – Jason and other believers post bond.

Matthew 6:19-21 – Treasures in heaven where your heart will be also.

Acts 17:11 – Bereans searched the Scriptures daily.

Acts 17:16-18 – Paul in Athens, provoked by idolatry, debates philosophers.

Acts 17:32-34 – Mixed response in Athens; Dionysius and Damaris believe.

Acts 18:1-3 – Paul meets Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth.

Acts 18:7-8 – Paul preaches in Titius Justus' house; Crispus believes.

1 Corinthians 1:14 – Paul says he didn't baptize many, including Crispus.

Acts 18:9-11 – Jesus encourages Paul in a vision to stay in Corinth.

Acts 18:14-16 – Gallio dismisses Jewish accusations against Paul.

Acts 18:18-19 – Paul leaves with Priscilla and Aquila, stops in Ephesus.

Acts 18:25-28 – Apollos preaches boldly; Priscilla and Aquila disciple him.

ACTionS Week 9 – Powerful Partnerships

Text Focus: Acts 16:39 – 18:28

I. Catching Up on the Story (Acts 1–16 Recap)

- **Acts 1:8 – Jesus commissions disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit.**

- Key Characters Introduced:
 - **Peter** – Bold preacher and healing minister.
 - **Stephen** – First martyr.
 - **Philip** – Evangelist to Samaria and the Ethiopian.
 - **Saul (Paul)** – Persecutor turned preacher.
 - **Cornelius** – Gentile whose salvation confirmed God’s inclusive gospel.
 - **Barnabas** – Encourager and early church partner.
 - **James** – Jerusalem leader.
 - **Silas** – Partner on Paul’s 2nd journey.
 - **Timothy** – Young disciple, faithful companion.
 - **Luke** – Author, joins in Acts 16.

II. The Power of Partnership

Main Point: God uses partnerships—big and small—to advance His kingdom.

1. Lydia – A Place of Refuge (Acts 16:40)

- A seemingly minor character becomes a strategic host and supporter.

2. Jason – Bonded to the Mission (Acts 17:5–9)

- Welcomed Paul and Silas in Thessalonica.
- Forced to post bond, proving his partnership had a cost.

3. The Bereans – Noble Learners (Acts 17:10–11)

- Known for searching the Scriptures daily to verify truth.
- Represent careful, truth-hungry discipleship.

4. Athens – Alone but Not Idle (Acts 17:16–34)

- Paul engages Greek philosophers while waiting for Silas and Timothy.
- New believers: **Dionysius** and **Damaris**.

III. Corinth – Partnership in a Broken Place

1. Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1–3)

- Tentmakers and exiles from Rome who work and minister with Paul.

2. Titius Justus & Crispus (Acts 18:7–8)

- God-fearing Gentile who opened his home and other's hearts.
- **1 Corinthians 1:14** – Paul mentions Crispus' conversion and possible role in baptizing.

3. A Word from Jesus (Acts 18:9–11)

- Christ encourages Paul to stay; a season of peace and planting.

4. Gallio's Dismissal (Acts 18:14–16)

- A Government official protects Paul from false accusations.

IV. Multiplying the Mission

1. Priscilla & Aquila Disciple Apollos (Acts 18:24–26)

- They lovingly correct and equip a passionate young preacher.

2. Apollos in Achaia (Acts 18:27–28)

- Preached boldly, helped many believe, and defended the faith publicly.

V. Application – The Value of Every Role

- Even background characters like Lydia, Jason, or Titius Justus played vital parts.
- **Matthew 6:19–21** – “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Your obedience may lead to someone else's breakthrough.

Closing Illustration

The Pianist & the 9-Year-Old:

- Sometimes we just need someone to say, “Don't stop. It's starting to sound great!”
- Every role matters—especially yours.