



**Main Passage:**

**Acts 19:23–27**

**Acts 20:28–30**

**Acts 19:1–7**

**Acts 19:28–41**

**Spiritual Warfare:**

**Acts 19:8–10**

**Contextual/Supporting  
Passages:**

**Ephesians 6:10–18**

**Acts 19:11–12**

**2 Corinthians 10:3–5**

**Acts 19:13–16**

**Acts 16:7–8**

**Acts 19:17–20**

**Acts 18:19–21**

## **ACTionS: Week 10 – A Different Kind of Battle**

**Text:** Acts 19

**Theme:** Spiritual warfare, equipping for ministry, and recognizing the real battle in a growing church.

### **I. Timing is Everything**

God's plan often involves **divine delays** and **strategic preparation**.

- Paul did **not stay** in Ephesus the first time (Acts 18:19–21)
- The Holy Spirit **redirected** his earlier travels (Acts 16:7–8)
- He returns at the **right time**, ready for the battle ahead.

*"I will come back later, **God willing**." – Acts 18:21*

## II. The Power of the Right Team

Ministry isn't meant to be done alone—it takes a **Spirit-filled team**.

- Paul finds **believers** in Ephesus (Acts 19:1–2)
  - He asks, “Did you receive the **Holy Spirit?**” (Acts 19:2)
  - They are baptized, filled, and become **twelve Spirit-empowered partners** (Acts 19:6–7)
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## III. Teaching with Tenacity

Paul invests deeply through **bold teaching** and **daily discipleship**.

- Three months in the synagogue (Acts 19:8–9)
  - Two years in the Hall of Tyrannus (Acts 19:10)
  - Estimated **2,400 hours** of instruction
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## IV. Tinder for the Fire

Miracles and bold faith became the **spark** that ignited the city.

- God works unusual miracles through Paul (Acts 19:11–12)
  - The **sons of Sceva** try to imitate authority without the Spirit (Acts 19:13–16)
  - People respond in **repentance** and burn their sorcery scrolls (Acts 19:17–20)
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## V. The Clash with Culture

The Gospel confronts **false gods** and **economic idols**.

- Demetrius the silversmith stirs up trouble (Acts 19:23–27)
- Motivated by **money**, disguised as **devotion**

- The riot reveals the **depth of resistance** when the Gospel hits close to home (Acts 19:28–41)

*“Handmade gods aren’t really gods at all.” – Acts 19:26*

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## VI. Guard the Flock

Paul warns of a **different kind of battle—internal threats**.

- From outside: demons, idols, greed
- From inside: false teachers, twisted truth (Acts 20:28–30)

*“Even men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth...” – Acts 20:30*

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## VII. Our Battle Today

We are not fighting flesh and blood. It’s time to suit up.

- **Ephesians 6:10–18** – The Armor of God
- Stand strong, stay alert, pray persistently

*“Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power...” – Ephesians 6:10*

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## Key Takeaways

- **Wait on God's timing** – it's not about convenience but **readiness**.
- **Empower your team** – ministry is a **shared battle**.
- **Keep teaching** – consistent **truth deposits** change hearts.
- **Stay spiritually alert** – the greatest threat may come from **within**.
- **Put on the armor** – we are in a **different kind of battle**.