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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS





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"...they came to Thessalonica where there was a Jewish synagogue. ² As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue..." Acts 17:1-2a

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A “third place” is defined as a place where people gather for social interaction and community outside of home (“first place”) and work (“second place”).



Central Perk Café was the Third Place on the TV Sitcom “Friends”

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Isaiah 53:3-6

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief... smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed... and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

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Psalm 16:9-10

**⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.”**

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“We constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works effectively in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

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4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

5 But other Jews were jealous;

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⁵ so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,

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7 and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." 8 When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil.

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⁹ Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.

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18 For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way. 1 Thess. 2:18

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