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18:1-22

When the Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost
When the day of Pentecost came suddenly a sound like a rushing wind


Second Mission: 16:1 - 18:22
Asia & Macedonia/Greece

Trials & Joys
of
Ministry

Paul's 2nd Mission Joys

- ▶ **16:1-4 / Raising Young Leaders**
 - ▶ **16:5 / Church Grew Daily**
 - ▶ **16:11-15 / Divine Appointments**
 - ▶ **16:25 / Rejoicing in Suffering**
 - ▶ **16:26-34 Miraculous Moments**
 - ▶ **16:35-40 / Worldly Vindication**
 - ▶ **17:10-15 / Truth Seekers**
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Paul's 2nd Mission Trials

- ▶ **15:36-41 / Interpersonal Issues**
 - ▶ **16:6-10 / Vision & Direction**
 - ▶ **16:16-18 / Public Relations**
 - ▶ **16:19-24 / Persecution**
 - ▶ **17:1-9 / Ministry Envy/Jealousy**
 - ▶ **17:16-34 / Apathy & Indifference**
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Corinth:

- ▶ **One of the more important cities - center of trade**
- ▶ **“Bridge to Greece” - attempt to connect the Gulf of Corinth & the Ionian Sea = Panama Canal**
- ▶ **Isthmian Games - 2nd to Olympics**
- ▶ **Worshipped Aphrodite goddess of love - 1,000 priests (prostitutes)**

18:1-5 / Ministry Partners

- * Pontus was North of where Paul was from along the S. Side of the Black Sea**
- * Many think that Aquila & Priscilla started the church in Rome**
- * A&P were a dynamic couple - “risked their live for me(Paul)...Gentile churches are grateful to them” - Rom. 16:3-5**
 - ▶ Tentmakers who probably hired Paul & supported him financially**

18:1-5 / Ministry Partners

- ▶ **1 Cor. 16:19 - a church met in their home**
- ▶ **Gave their lives, business & home!**
- ▶ **As we will see they lovingly disciple Apollos to set him straight**
- ✱ **v.5 - I am guessing when Silas & Timothy came they likely brought financial support so Paul could just focus on teaching**

“9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so.”

~ 2 Corinthians 11:9 | NIV84

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the
whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among
baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from
come a witness with us of his resurrection.”
23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Bar
Matthias.
which of these two you have chosen 25 to take o
Judas left to go where he wanted.” 26 Then they
thias; so he was a witness with the eleven apostles,
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Philippians

4:10-20

18:3-4 / Hard Work



“9 Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:9 | NIV84

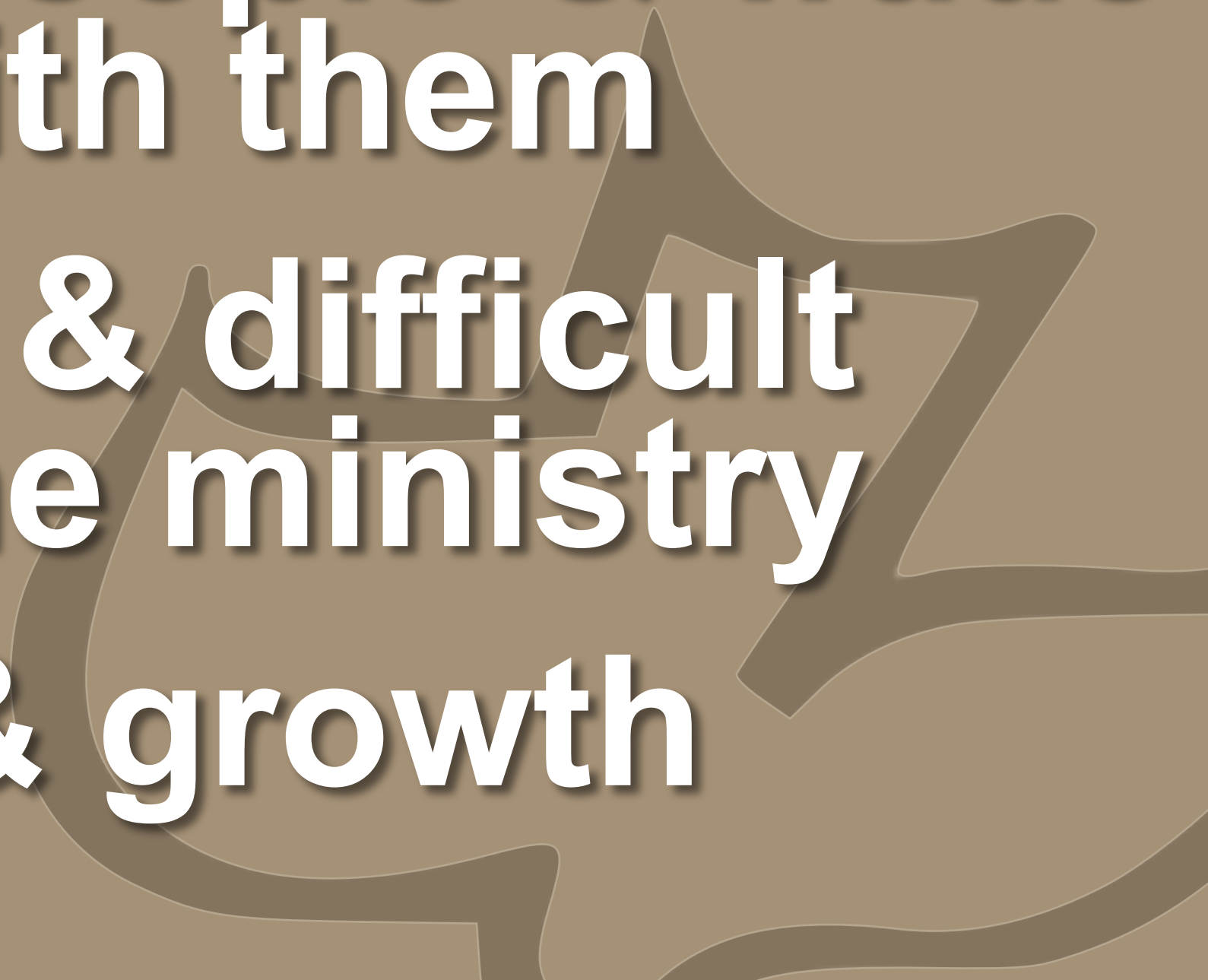
“7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 | NIV84

“10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.””

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 | NIV84

18:3-4 / Hard Work

- ✱ Studying, searching the scriptures is work
 - ✱ It's work to reason with people & wade through the scriptures with them
 - ✱ There are many practical & difficult issues & challenges to the ministry
 - ✱ Even in home churches & growth groups
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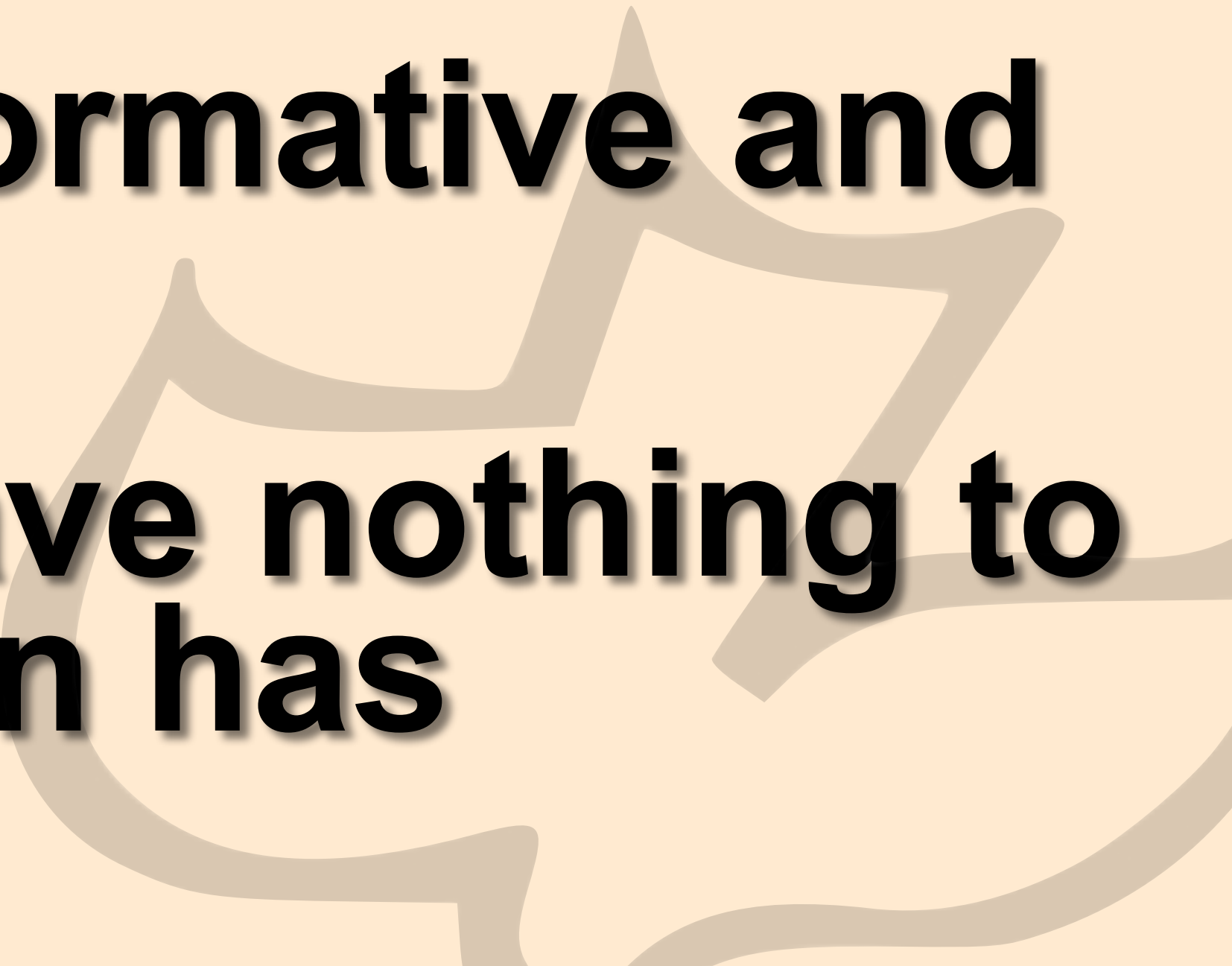
18:6-7 / Shake It Off

- ✱ **Matt. 10:11-16**
- ✱ **Sometimes you have to walk away & can do no more - must give the person/people to the Lord**
- ✱ **Must have humility in who & where God has called us to minister (Acts 9:15-16)**
- ✱ **Sometimew we need boundarie - painful when it is friends or family or people we deeply love!**


“1 I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— 2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel.”

~ Romans 9:1-4a | NIV84

18:8 / Seeing People Saved

- * Nothing better than participating in the divine mission & purpose of Christ - Matt. 28:18-20**
 - * Something that is transformative and eternal**
 - * Something where you have nothing to gain, but the other person has everything to gain!**
 - * 100% a work of the Spirit - Jn 3:3-21**
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18:8 / Seeing People Saved

- * Paul found no greater Joy**
 - * This mission: Lydia & her family, likely the girl with the spirit, the jailer & his family, some of the Jews & prominent men & women in Thessalonica & Berea, Dionysius, & Damaris**
 - * Now here Crispus, his family & many others**
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18:9-17 / Timely Word

- ✱ In the ministry even when things are going well, things are happening you can get lonely, depressed, struggle...
- ✱ It can be an attack from the enemy
- ✱ As said before...sometimes the ministry hasn't gone how you had envisioned - Chap. 17 in Athens
- ✱ Sometimes that word comes from the Lord or through another believer

18:9-17 / Timely Word

- ✿ **It's not always going to be like v.9-10 - how else can we receive a timely word?**
 - ▶ **You have to be in the Word of God!**
 - ▶ **Paul stayed with them for a 1 1/2 years to teach them = what we want to do here at Calvary every week chapter by chapter, verse by verse**
 - ▶ **Rom. 1:16, Heb. 4:12**

18:9-17 / Timely Word

- ✿ I do believe v.9-10 is a Word for some of you here as you struggle at home or work!
 - ▶ The Lord would say to each of us keep speaking the truth, don't be silent or afraid!
 - ▶ We need the Word when we find ourselves in court for sharing the Word.

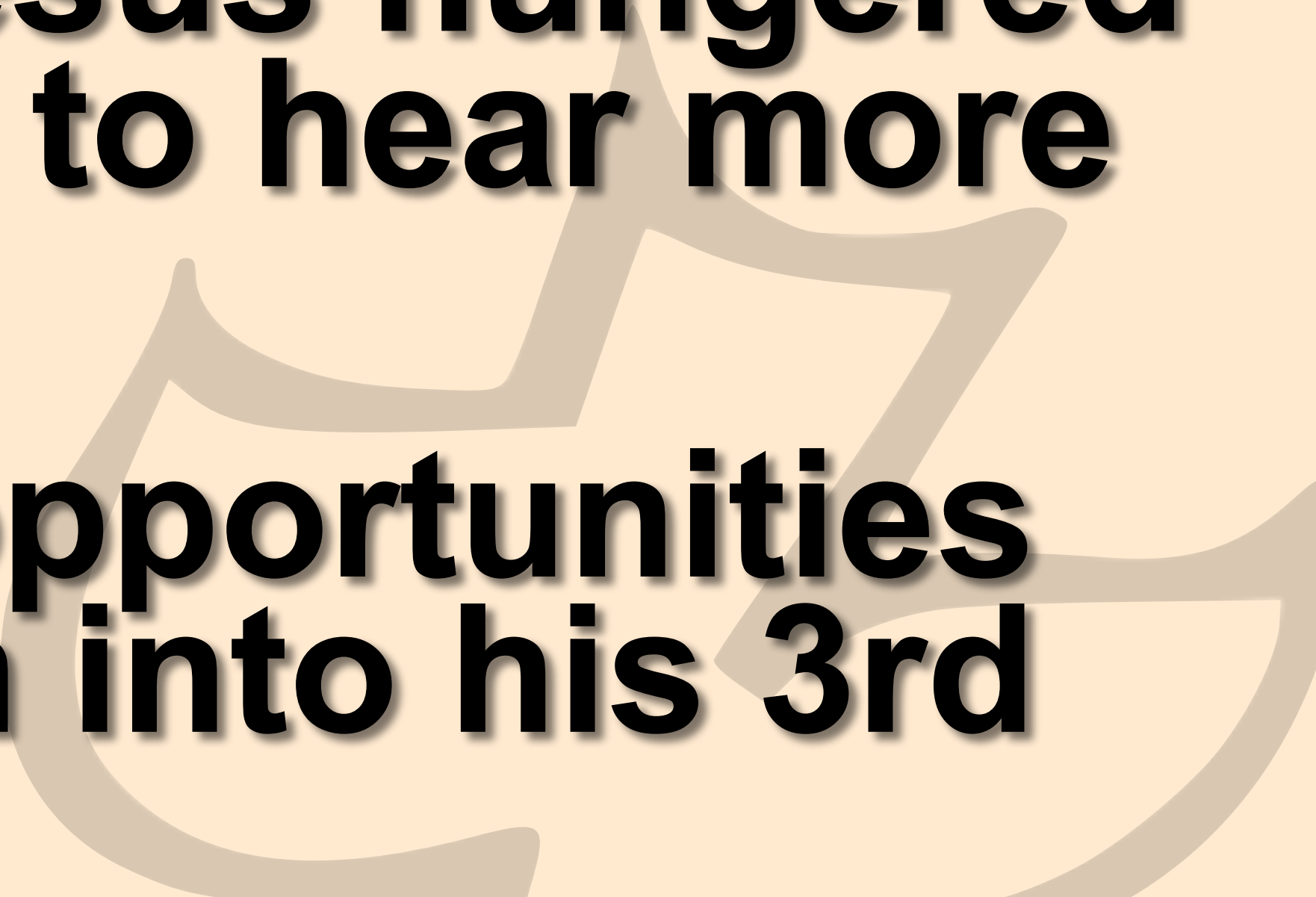
1 Kings 19:1-18

2 Kings 6:8-23

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18:18-22 / Hunger For More

- * Priscilla & Aquila where hungry for more ministry opportunities so joined Paul**
 - * Church at Corinth & Ephesus hungered for more time with Paul & to hear more about Christ.**
 - * Paul hungered for more opportunities and continued straight on into his 3rd Mission.**
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18:18-22 / Hunger For More

**Are you hungry
for more?**

