

Finding Encouragement in a Chaotic World

Acts 18:1-17

When discouraged remember...

1. Focus on helping others

And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. (2-3)

2. Be encouraged by others

When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. (5)

3. Don't isolate yourself

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. (9-11)

4. Fight the right battle

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent. (9) And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews... (14)

5. God is with us

...for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you... (10)