

# One Anothering: “Making a Difference”

Acts 18:1-11

The background of the slide features a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a horizon. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of a group of people are visible, some with their arms raised in celebration or prayer, creating a sense of joy and community.



# Acts 18:

1 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, 3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers. 4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 But when Silas and Timothy



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came down from Macedonia, Paul [began] devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood [be] on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." 7 Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all



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his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized. 9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid [any longer,] but go on speaking and do not be silent; 10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city." 11 And he settled [there] a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.



**PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

# Corinth...

- 48 miles west of Athens
- destroyed by Rome, rebuilt - freemen!
- Wealth, luxury, immoral, vicious
- “Corinthianize” - live promiscuous, carefree
- Temple of Aphrodite - 1,000-holy prostitutes
- Problems of Sexuality and Marriage

# First things first....

- Paul follows the road... choice
- Roman exiles! Aquila & Priscilla
  - Trials bring friendships! Paul needed them!
  - Hospitality and trade - tents! (Lk 10:5-9)
  - Built up Paul, learned the city
- Reasoning in the Synagogue (17:2,17)

# Full time

- Silas & Timothy - funds and gifts
- Jews - “Jesus was the Christ” Messiah!
- Result? resist & blaspheme!! Dust!
- Gentiles - Proselyte Titius Justus, Cripsus
- Believing and baptism!
- Then he gets a vision?! “many people”

# Making the difference

- Paul is restored and re-focused
- Paul is encouraged - P&E; S&T
- Paul gains “next door” opportunity
- Was there a reason why this all happened
- Paul’s Heart....



# 1 Cor 2:

1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

# Insights

- Yesterday's failure is not the end!
- Trials lead to friendships and support!
- Rethinking your plan and eternal view
- God will open up the doors... your heart!
- weakness = He is STRONG!!!
- **many people IN THIS CITY**!!!