

Acts – Expectancy and Overflow

Acts 18:1-11

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We journey into Acts 18, Paul is in Corinth where he meets future ministry partners Aquila and Priscilla. He stays faithful in presenting the Good News of Jesus to both the Jew and Gentile. Because of financial partnership Paul is able to give himself wholly to the missionary call. How can you partner with those who are called and sent to people and lands who still need to know Jesus?

Acts 18:1-11 (ESV)

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” ¹¹And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

2 Corinthians 11:9 (NLT)

⁹And when I was with you and didn't have enough to live on, I did not become a financial burden to anyone. For the brothers who came from Macedonia brought me all that I needed. I have never been a burden to you, and I never will be.

Acts 18:6 (ESV)

^{6b} he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

In this vision the Lord spoke to Paul 4 Things:

1. Do not be *afraid*.
2. *Speak* out.
3. Do not be *silent*.
4. For *I AM* with you.