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³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Acts 28:30-31

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1.) *WHO* has been put in your **PATH**?

2.) Is it *KNOWN* to them what you are **ABOUT**?

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A circular inset image showing a modern interior scene. On a dark console table, there is a lamp with a textured base and a beige shade, a small clock with a sunburst design, a vase with yellow flowers, a small clock in a glass dome, and a stack of books. The background is a light-colored wall. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

Are you impacting your circumstances more
than they are impacting you?

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- *Whose faith is inspiring **you** to grow in confidence and boldness?*
- *Is your faith inspiring **others** to grow in confidence and boldness?*

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GALATIANS 1:9

⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

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¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

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- III. ...any **PROCLAMATION** of the **TRUE** Gospel! (15-18a)

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