



ACTS

The Church Empowered
for Mission



CALL TO WORSHIP

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God...

11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

— Psalms 42:1-2a, 11

ACTS 18:1-18

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And 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, 3 and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.

ACTS 18:1-18

6 And 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.” 7 And 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. 8 Crispus, 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. 9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.”

ACTS 18:1-18

11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. 12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, 13 saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law." 14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. 15 But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things."

ACTS 18:1-18

16 And he drove them from the tribunal. 17 And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this. 18 After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.



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BAMBOO SEED



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FRUIT OF A BAMBOO ROOT SYSTEM



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GOD OFTEN STRENGTHENS US THROUGH ORDINARY PEOPLE VS. 1-5

Huge port city which was an isthmus (750k people)

b/c of location: a hub of commerce, great wealth/influence, & sexual perversion

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Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because

Due riots around ideas of Jesus

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Seasons of fulltime & bi-vo ministry for Paul

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Secular Vocation was mission field

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tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from

Fundraised for Paul to go fulltime—(2 Cor. 8; 11; Phil. 4)

Macedonia. Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ

was Jesus.

***SECULAR WORK BECOMES SACRED WHEN LIVED &
LEVERAGED WITH GOSPEL INTENTIONALITY***



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GOD'S PRESENCE IS GREATER THAN OUR FEAR VS. 6-11

They rejected gospel: we're called to faithfulness—God handles fruitfulness

6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to

them, **Eze. 33 — watchman would warn of what was coming**
“Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to

the Gentiles.” 7 And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius

Paul ends up baptizing (1 Cor. 1:14-16)

Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the

Never give up on someone
ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And

many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. 9 And the Lord

said to Paul one night in a vision, **1. Don't fear** **2. Keep proclaiming**
“Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not

3. My presence goes where I call (Matt. 28:20) **4. I'll protect you**
be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have

5. I am sovereignly at work
many in this city who are my people.”

***OUR GREATEST HOPE IS NOT THAT LIFE/MINISTRY
WILL BE EASY; IT'S THAT CHRIST IS WITH US.***



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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY GIVES US CONFIDENCE TO KEEP PRESSING ON VS. 12-18

Confidence in the Lord's presence led him to stay

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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY GIVES US CONFIDENCE TO KEEP PRESSING ON VS. 12-18

**They wanted to kill Paul;
The Lord had other plans**

16 And he drove them from the tribunal. 17 And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler

Not sure why they did this—we know he becomes a beleiver (1 Cor. 1:1)
of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention

to any of this. 18 After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the

Heading back to Antioch to conclude 2nd missionary journey

brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he

Nazarite Vow—most likely did this as an act of devotion & gratitude towards the Lord
had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.

***THE WORLD CELEBRATES QUICK SUCCESS.
THE LORD REWARDS FAITHFUL PERSEVERANCE.***

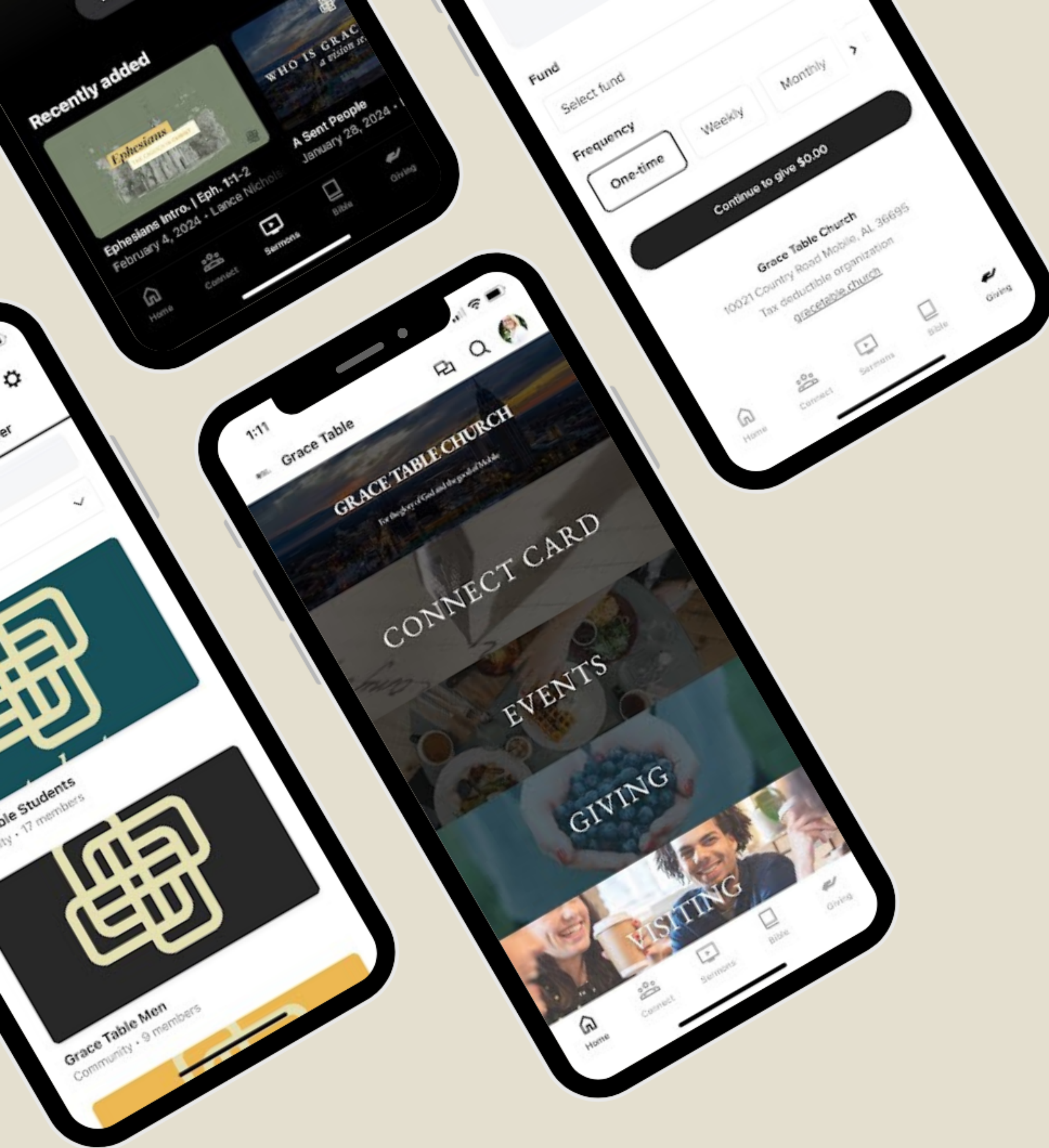




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PURSUIT
of
HOLINESS

NEXT GATHERING, JULY 14TH
6-8 PM | WILKINSON HOME

JULY 17-19 | MOB, AL

Kids Summer Camp





TODAY
POST-CHURCH

COVENANT
partnership
INTEREST LUNCHEON



BENEDICTION

Leader:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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