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Solid partnership must have a firm foundation on the gospel. Building on anything else is a shaky foundation that will lead to a great disaster in the end.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." –

Jesus
(Matthew 7:24–27)



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Acts 18:23-19:10



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

- Paul departs for his third missionary journey
- Returning to visit through Galatia and Phrygia
- Strengthening all the disciples



AD 52-57



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

- Apollos
 - A native of Alexandria – Egypt
 - Arrived in Ephesus
 - Approximately AD 52
 - Eloquent man
 - Competent in Scriptures
 - Instructed in the way of the Lord



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

- Apollos
- Teaching in Ephesus
 - Passionate in the spirit – demonstration of love of God
 - Spoke and taught accurately – informal and formal... well learned
 - All about Jesus
 - Except – taught the baptism of John

Matthew 3:11

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

- Apollos
- Teaching in Ephesus
- Bold proclamation in the synagogue –

Acts 18:19–21

And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

- Apollos
- Teaching in Ephesus
- Bold proclamation in the synagogue – *Acts 18:19–21*
- Gentle approach by Priscilla and Aquila
 - Two trust and left by Paul
 - Pull aside privately to discuss the ways of God more accurately



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

Useful Teacher

- Apollos leaves and travels to Achaia (Corinth) – continue to be led by God
- Encouraged by the brother in Ephesus – unselfishly sends to Corinth
- Wrote letter to welcome – importance of understanding the gospel
- Greatly helped in Corinth
- Refuting the Jews in public
 - Message – Jesus is the Christ



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Fully Understanding - vs. 23-28

God's "A" Plan Continues

Unexpected Support

Useful Teacher

Impactful Ministry In Corinth

- Foundation laid by Paul – Acts 18:1-18
- Longer time with Paul
- Peaceful ministry for Paul even though the church had persecution (Acts 18:12-17)
- Believers divided over teachers – 1 Corinthians 1:12-14
- Paul planter; Apollos water; God increased
 - 1 Corinthians 3:5-9



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Investing Rightly In Discipleship Is Rewarded.

Two Parts –

The Teacher

The Disciple



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Fully Instructed – vs. 19:1-7

Paul's Return To Ephesus

- Disciples of John the Baptist taught
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - Promised by Jesus – John 14:15–17
 - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”



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Fully Instructed – vs. 19:1-7

Paul's Return To Ephesus

- Disciples of John the Baptist taught
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - Promised by Jesus – John 14:15–17
 - Fulfilled by God – Acts 2:1–4

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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Fully Instructed – vs. 19:1-7

Paul's Return To Ephesus

- Disciples of John the Baptist taught
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Obedience for believer's baptism
 - Two baptism in first century
 - Baptism of John – repentance
 - Baptism of Jesus – Christ follower



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Paul's Return To Ephesus

- Disciples of John the Baptist taught
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Obedience for believer's baptism
 - Two baptism in first century
 - Remember the context
 - Limited flow of information
 - However, the message of Jesus spread
 - Message not always shared completed



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Fully Instructed – vs. 19:1-7

Paul's Return To Ephesus

Message Received

- Disciples become believers
- Disciples are baptized
- Receiving the Holy Spirit
- Demonstration of the Holy Spirit
 - Speaking in tongues
 - Prophesying
 - Proof of their salvation
 - 12 more disciples now of Jesus



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**Evidence Of Discipleship Is Bearing Fruit...
Effective Disciples Bear More Fruit...
Remember Jesus Invested
In 12 To Start The Church**



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Fully Determined – vs. 19:8-10

Return To The Synagogue

- Persistence
- Bold proclamation – the gospel is not weak
- Persuading through understanding the fulfillment and faithfulness of God through the Old Testament's covenants
- God's new covenant through the blood of Jesus and establishment of the church



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Fully Determined – vs. 19:8-10

Return To The Synagogue

Not Even The Greatest Of Teachers...

- Jewish crowd was stubborn
- Refused the gospel
- Spoke evil of the Way – the church, believers...



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Fully Determined – vs. 19:8-10

Return To The Synagogue

Not Even The Greatest Of Teachers...

Know When To Walk Away

- Stay and battle or leave to share with others
- The church is better together to make disciples
- Daily reasoning in the hall of Tyrannus
- Two years of teaching



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Fully Determined – vs. 19:8-10

Return To The Synagogue

Not Even The Greatest Of Teachers...

Know When To Walk Away

Testimony Fallout

- All the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the gospel



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**Are You Passionately Demonstrating
God's Love To The World?**



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