

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

MORNING MESSAGE

“When Christians Get Discouraged”

Acts 18:1-17

- I. GOD GIVES THEM FRIENDS (vv.2-5)
 - A. God gave Paul new friends: Aquila and Priscilla (vv.2-4)
 1. They were a couple (v.2)
 2. They had a craft (v.3)
 3. They were Christians (v.4)
 - B. God gave Paul old friends: Silas and Timothy (v.5)
 1. They brought him familiarity (v.5a)
 2. They brought him funds
 - a. 2 Corinthians 11:9, “And when I was present with you, and wanted I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied”
 3. They brought him focus (v.5b)
- II. GOD GIVES THEM FRUIT (vv.6-8)
 - A. His message was rejected (v.6)
 - B. His ministry was relocated (v.7)
 - C. His message was received (v.8)
- III. GOD GIVES THEM FORESIGHT (vv.9-11)
 - A. The Lord calmed Paul – “Be not afraid” (v.9a)
 - B. The Lord commanded Paul – “but speak, and hold not thy peace” (v.9b)
 - C. The Lord comforted Paul – “For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city” (v.10)
 1. He was comforted by God’s presence – “For I am with you:
 2. He was comforted by God’s protection – “and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee”
 3. He was comforted by God’s prospects – “I have much people in this city”
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are

sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God”

- IV. GOD GIVES THEM FAVOR (vv.12-17)
 - A. Paul was arrested (v.12)
 - B. Paul was accused (v.13)
 - C. Paul was acquitted (vv.14-17)