

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Wednesday, May 22, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: How God Uses People

Message Text: Acts 18:24-28

Introduction:

Peter tells us that God is “...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9) It the work of getting the Good News to all the world, God uses men and women from many different places and backgrounds to accomplish His mission. Tonight we will see how God used a dedicated couple and a powerful preacher together further the Gospel. We will also see how God can use our lives when we know His Word and are ready to teach it to others.

1. A _____ Preacher (24-25)

Acts 18:24–25 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

ALEXANDRIA — Capital of Northern Egypt founded by (and named after) Alexander the Great, and it boasted a university with a library of almost 700,000 volumes.

EPHESUS — A city of 300,000 people and was the capital city of the Roman province of Asia and its most important commercial center.

NOTE — We do not have a corner on God’s truth. God is constantly raising up people to declare His truth.

BEWARE OF _____ — 1 Kings 19:14–18

BEWARE OF BECOMING _____ Luke 9:49–50

BEWARE OF _____ — 1 Corinthians 3:4–7

QUOTE — God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

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1 Timothy 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

2. A _____ Pair (26)

Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

DEFINITION—LISTEN: to hear with intention

DEFINITION—EXPOUNDED: to elaborate; to give an account and clarify the meaning of something through discourse.

DEFINITION—PERFECTLY: mindfully; in a careful and deliberate manner.

NOTE: Apollos showed great humility and teachability.

NOTE: You have to know the Bible in order to teach it to others.

3. A Dynamic _____ (27-28)

Acts 18:27-28 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: 28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

DEFINITION—DISPOSED: to desire; to feel or have a desire for; want strongly.

DEFINITION—EXHORTING: to encourage; to inspire with confidence; give hope or courage to.

NOTE — The partnership between Apollos and the believers in Ephesus resulted in believers in Achaia being helped and convincing the unbelieving Jews.

Conclusion

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

