



Sunday Morning, November 28, 2021 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Fresh Vision

Message Text: Acts 18:5-17

Introduction:

Paul has been working bi-vocationally in the city of Corinth. During the week he was making tents with Aquila and Priscilla and on Saturday he was striking up conversations at the synagogue concerning Jesus Christ. He was planting seeds of the Gospel. When his coworkers arrived with much needed physical, spiritual and financial help, Paul was enabled to completely focus on preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This brought on much fear and opposition, but with fresh vision from God, Paul was encourage and embraced God's instruction wholeheartedly. As he did, God fulfilled His revealed promise. As we study this passage, may we see how that Paul's experience can be ours as well in our community during this season.

1. He was _____ in Gospel Witness (5-8)

1 Corinthians 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

DEFINITION—PRESSED: to be preoccupied, engrossed

DEFINITION—TESTIFIED: to bear witness

A. _____ Enabled (5)

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

PRACTICAL ENABLEMENTS FOR PAUL'S MINISTRY

MINISTRY _____

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Luke 10:1 and sent them two and two before his face into every city...

Philippians 2:19–20 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

MINISTRY _____

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: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

MINISTRY _____

1 Thessalonians 3:6–8 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: 8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

B. _____ Engaged (5b-8)

TO THE JEWS —

Acts 18:5 ...and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

Acts 18:6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

TO THE CORINTHIANS

Acts 18:7–8 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

_____ doors lead to _____ doors.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

2. He was _____ with Fresh Vision from God (9-10)

Acts 18:9a Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid...

DEFINITION—AFRAID: to feel anxious or apprehensive

1 Corinthians 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

A. A Fresh Vision of God's _____ (9b)

Acts 18:9 ...but speak, and hold not thy peace:

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

God's plan is for believers to _____!

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

B. A Fresh Vision of God's _____ (9)

Acts 18:10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee...

Matthew 28:20 ...and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

DEFINITION—SET ON THEE: to assail; to attack someone

Job 1:12 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

C. A Vision of God's _____ (10)

Acts 18:10 ...for I have much people in this city.

We say, "There is _____ one."

God says "I have _____ people."

3. He _____ the Promise of God (11-17)

Acts 18:11 *And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.*

NOTE: Paul would only be able to experience the promise of God as he _____ this fresh vision from God.

A. _____ from the Religious (11-13)

Acts 18:12–13 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, 13 Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

INSURRECTION — rise up against Paul bringing him to court accusing of acting illegally against both Jewish and Roman law.

QUOTE: These Jews were saying in effect that Christianity was a new and different cult, distinct from Judaism. — BKC

JUDGEMENT SEAT — the site of litigation at which a judge is present to issue official decisions.

GALLIO — It is important first because of who Gallio was, a Roman proconsul, governor of Achaia. Any judgment pronounced by him would establish legal precedent. — BKC

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

B. _____ from the Godless (14-17)

Acts 18:14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

DEFINITION—WRONG: unjust act punishable by law

DEFINITION—WICKED LEWDNESS: crime; deceit

Acts 18:15–17 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters. 16 And he drave them from the judgment seat. 17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

NOTE: Gallio's decision was crucial for it was tantamount to legitimatizing Christianity in the eyes of Roman law. — BKC

Conclusion

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



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