



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Scripture Theme: 2 Timothy 2:15

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The Book of Acts

THEME: CAN I GET A WITNESS - THE GOSPEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THEME SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:8

Lesson Topic: Strengthening Connections: The Ministry in Corinth and Ephesus

Lesson Scripture: Acts 18:1-17

I. BACKGROUND



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A. When: The events of chapter 18 most likely occurred between the years 49-54 A.D.

B. People:

- Paul (Saul) – An Apostle who was working in Asia Minor planting churches.
- Silas – Originally from Jerusalem, he accompanied Paul on his 2nd missionary journey.
- Timothy – A disciple from Lystra or Derbe, he joined Paul when he passed through the region preaching.
- Aquila and Priscilla – A married couple who lived in Corinth but later moved to Ephesus.
- Claudius – The Roman Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in 49 AD.
- Gallio – The proconsul of Achaia. Achaia was the southern part of modern Greece.
- Apollos – A Jew from Alexandria who was teaching about Jesus in Ephesus.

C. Where:

- Paul left Athens and went to Corinth where he remained for 1.5 years.
- Leaving Corinth, he made a stop in Ephesus before continuing to Antioch in Syria.
- According to verse 23, Paul spent some time in Antioch before beginning a new journey through the regions of Galatia and Phrygia. Corinth, Ephesus, Achaia

II. THE APOSTLE PAUL IN CORINTH (continuing the 2nd Journey) (1-17)

A. Paul Taught in Corinth - VV. 1-17

1. Devoted Helpers - Paul Meets Aquila & Priscilla – VV. 1-3
 - C _____ was never intended to be a s _____ act.
 - C _____ is a t _____ effort.
2. Paul's ministry among the Jews and Gentiles of Corinth – VV. 4-5
 - The very I _____ of Corinth was the O _____ for Christ.
3. Opposition rises against Paul in Corinth – VV. 6-8

4. God's special encouragement to Paul in Corinth – VV. 9-11
 - When God gives a man a T _____ to do, He also gives him the P _____ to do it.
5. The Jews of Corinth attempt to convict Paul before the civil authorities – VV. 12-17

III. PRACTICAL OBSERVATIONS

- ✓ Those who share the Christian gospel WILL get opposition (vv5-6).
- ✓ There will be instances when we should no longer spend time with those who reject the gospel.
- ✓ We must keep speaking out. We must keep sharing truth. (v9)
- ✓ There is certainly a place to defend the faith, to deal with objections and questions, and to seek to show the reasonableness of the gospel.

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