

Acts 18:1-17 (NIV)

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” ⁷And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” ¹¹And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹²But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, ¹³saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” ¹⁴But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. ¹⁵But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” ¹⁶And he drove them from the tribunal. ¹⁷And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

WHEN YOU ARE DISCOURAGED AND FEEL LIKE GIVING UP...

My faith in _____

1 Corinthians 2:1-3 (NIV)

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.
² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.

My appreciation for / participation in _____

- NEW:
 - *Aquila and Priscilla*
 - *Titius Justus*
 - *Crispus*
- OLD:
 - *Silas and Timothy*
 - *(The Philippian Church; cf. 2 Cor 11:9, Phil 4:15)*

My trust in His _____

Psalms 71:1-3, 14-16 (NIV)

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- ² Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;
turn your ear to me and save me.
- ³ Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ¹⁴ But as for me, I will always have hope;
I will praise you more and more.
- ¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteousness,
of your salvation all day long,
though I know not its measure.
- ¹⁶ I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD