



Expectations in **Transition**

Acts 18:18 – 19:10

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Some Excerpts from Life in Corinth

Acts 18:1 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth.

² And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,

³ and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working; for by trade they were tent-makers.

⁴ And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

⁶ And when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood *be* upon your own heads! I am clean. From now on I shall go to the Gentiles."

⁷ And he departed from there and went to the house of a certain man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

⁸ And Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

¹⁰ for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

¹¹ And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them...

Expect God's Transition Process in Us to Include the Development of These Qualities and Practices:

1. fortitude

Acts 18:18 And Paul, having remained many days longer, (in Corinth)

2. team work

took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila.

3. extended times of devotion

In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

4. surrender

¹⁹ And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there.

5. the use of reasoning

Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

6. the living of priorities

²⁰ And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent,

7. humble trust in God's will

²¹ but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

8. church partnerships

²² And when he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church,

9. church membership and time together

and went down to Antioch.

²³ And having spent some time *there*,

10. mutual s_____

he departed and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

11. B_____ instruction and personal study

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord;

12. the enthusiastic s_____ of what you know

and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

²⁶ and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue.

13. the correction of one another p_____

But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

14. mutual encouragement and h_____ in living our calling

²⁷ And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him;

15. the learning and use of e_____ for the faith

and when he had arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace;

²⁸ for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

16. the engagement of religious people who do not focus on J_____

Acts 19:1 And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples,

² and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they *said* to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³ And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism."

⁴ And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

17. b_____ as a believer

⁵ And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.

⁷ And there were in all about twelve men.

18. respect and prayer for the J_____ people

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the kingdom of God.

19. the sharing of Jesus w_____ but not wimpily

⁹ But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

20. the sharing of Jesus with w_____ He brings us

¹⁰ And this took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Some Excerpts from Life in Ephesus

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;

²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

²¹ solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 20:31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

³² "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³ "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.

³⁴ "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my *own* needs and to the men who were with me.

³⁵ "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

³⁷ And they *began* to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,

³⁸ grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were accompanying him to the ship.