

# The Often Hidden Work of God

Acts 18:1-17

Life like \_\_\_\_\_

How does that happen in life?

How does it feel?

How does that happen in \_\_\_\_\_ God?

When \_\_\_\_\_ got Discouraged...

1 Corinthians 2:1-3

Acts 18:1-17

1-4: In Corinth: worked & \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel

Met Aquila & Priscilla: needed \_\_\_\_\_

In common: visitors, Jews, Christians, \_\_\_\_\_, tentmakers

Would come to form a significant \_\_\_\_\_

God used the hardship of \_\_\_\_\_ to add to Paul's ministry

Paul returned to \_\_\_\_\_

Persuading Jews & Greeks

5-8: \_\_\_\_\_ opposed Paul, yet the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts from other churches → full time \_\_\_\_\_

Focus on evangelism among \_\_\_\_\_

Forceful opposition shifted Paul's focus to \_\_\_\_\_

Dramatic Jewish image of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is guilty if the warning is not given

Effective \_\_\_\_\_ was certainly offensive to Jews

Ministry center \_\_\_\_\_ to synagogue

\_\_\_\_\_ leader & whole household converted!

Many others converted & were \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps Paul expected \_\_\_\_\_: "Here we go again!"

9-11: Jesus' message to Paul: Keep \_\_\_\_\_ the Word!

Commands: Don't fear, keep \_\_\_\_\_ (repeated)

Personal vision shows the \_\_\_\_\_ for the command

Reasons

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Attacks (which will come) will not bring \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus had many \_\_\_\_\_ in Corinth

It seems: anticipation of many more \_\_\_\_\_

Paul obeyed: his part in bringing conversions

Proclaiming the Word is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for new life

12-17: Vision fulfilled: attack that brought \_\_\_\_\_!

Like previous \_\_\_\_\_ in neighboring province

Jews hoped to have Christianity judged \_\_\_\_\_

Paul planned to have to \_\_\_\_\_ himself

Gallio: Christianity was a \_\_\_\_\_ part of Judaism

Refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the case ("drove them off")

Attack on Sosthenes: tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruling

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ for Christian life & ministry!

The Big Idea:

Jesus is building His Church/His \_\_\_\_\_  
through His \_\_\_\_\_, protection, and redemption  
which is often hard to see  
and through the perseverance  
of His servants on \_\_\_\_\_ who walk by \_\_\_\_\_

Application: Being "On \_\_\_\_\_"

What has God called you to do?

\_\_\_\_\_ mission:

Evangelism / Discipleship: \_\_\_\_\_ life and \_\_\_\_\_ life in Christ

Lead a \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ friends or relatives in Christ

\_\_\_\_\_ for church & missionaries / Give / \_\_\_\_\_

Less \_\_\_\_\_ mission:

\_\_\_\_\_, study, parent, make a home, care for those in need, ...

"\_\_\_\_\_": What God "\_\_\_\_\_" you to do / discernment

\_\_\_\_\_ those who curse, \_\_\_\_\_ those who annoy, speak \_\_\_\_\_, ...

Honor God (\_\_\_\_\_) with money, heart, talents, time, ...

When does it get \_\_\_\_\_?

Perhaps no visible \_\_\_\_\_ or visible \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps visible \_\_\_\_\_ or invisible \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps I'm my own \_\_\_\_\_!

Perhaps discouragement because of past \_\_\_\_\_

Then focus our hearts & minds on the \_\_\_\_\_:

Jesus is with us in our \_\_\_\_\_ and obedience

Jesus will protect us from \_\_\_\_\_ harm → perseverance is \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is doing His work through our \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 15:58

No act of faith-based obedience is ever \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Reflection

- What has God "called" you to do today, including both 'obvious mission' and 'not so obvious mission'?
- What promises of Jesus give you boldness to persevere "on mission"?