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Acts 18:1-8

¹ After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

² There he met a Jew named Aquila,
a native of Pontus,

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who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.

Acts 18:1-8

Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

Acts 18:1-8

⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia,

Acts 18:1-8

Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

Acts 18:1-8

⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them,

Acts 18:1-8

“Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

Acts 18:1-8

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God.

Acts 18:1-8

⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Acts 18:12-16, 18

¹² While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment.

Acts 18:12-16, 18

¹³ “This man,” they charged, “is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.”

Acts 18:12-16, 18

¹⁴ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you.

Acts 18:12-16, 18

¹⁵ But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.”

¹⁶ So he drove them off.

Acts 18:12-16, 18

¹⁸ Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila.

Acts 18:24-26

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures.

Acts 18:24-26

²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord,
and he spoke with great fervor and taught about
Jesus accurately, though he knew only the
baptism of John.

Acts 18:24-26

²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

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Government:
an opportunity to share
or spread their faith

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Acts 8:1, 4-5

¹ And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:1, 4-5

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

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Acts 24:24

Paul...spoke about his faith in Christ Jesus.

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Gatherings:
were both large and small,
separate, and yet united

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Acts 2:42, 46

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42, 46


⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together
in the temple courts. They broke bread
in their homes and ate together
with glad and sincere hearts

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**Women:
were prominent**

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Government, Gatherings, and Women