

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"Don't Give Up!"**  
**Acts 18:1-18**  
**Study-33**

**Acts 18:1-11**

**Acts 18:9**

**1 Corinthians 2:3**

Paul would write 14 out of the 27 NT books. Paul wrote 1, 2 Thessalonians during this mission trip and Romans on a later visit to Corinth.

**1. Verses 1-5 – Friends**

**2. Verses 6-8 – Opposition**

**3. Verses 9-18 – Assurance**

**1. Verses 1-5 – Friends:**

Acts 18:1

Acts 17:15-34

Acts 17:15-16

Athens – Was an Intellectual Center; Corinth – Was a Commercial Center:  
Cosmopolitan Center.

Corinth Was A Cosmopolitan City – Corinth, one of the greatest cities of Paul's day, ¾ million people; 200,000 freedmen and 500,000 slaves.

A city of Culture – A depository of Art; The center of Architecture

Corinth Was A Commercial City –

Corinth Was A Corrupt City –

Acts 18:2

Encouragement Through Friendship – "And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus"

Aquila (Husband); Aquila – "an eagle"

Priscilla (Wife); Priscilla – "ancient"

"Our Disappointments Become His Appointments"

Romans 14:10-12

Acts 18:3

The Couple had an open heart to God.

The Couple had an opened house.

The Couple was mobile for the Lord – Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, back to Rome.

The Couple risked their lives for The Apostle Paul. Rom. 16:3-4

Our Vocation is Christ.

Acts 18:4

"reasoning in the synagogue" – reasoning: "to say thoroughly, discuss, preach (unto), reason."

Persuade – "to convince (by argument), to assure, to believe"

Acts 18:5

Encouragement Through Friendship – "But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia,"

1 Thess. 3:6-10

"Paul began devoting himself completely to the word," – Literally, "holding himself to the word"

Silas and Timothy brought Financial Aid – 2 Cor. 11:9

1 Cor. 9:14

The Message must be "Jesus Is The Christ!"

## **2. Verses 6-8 – Opposition:**

Acts 18:6

“blasphemed,” – “to slander, hence to speak lightly or profanely of sacred things”

1 Cor. 16:9

“Your blood be upon your own heads! I am clean.” – “that you are to blame for your own judgment; you had the opportunity to be saved, but you turned it down.”

Ezekiel 3:18

Acts 13:46

Acts 18:7

Romans 16:23

Closed Door, Open Door – “whose house was next to the synagogue.”

Acts 18:8

1 Cor. 1:14

## **3. Verses 9-18 – Assurance:**

Acts 18:9

God’s Word: “And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision,”

Exhortation #1 – “Do not be afraid any longer,”

1 Corinthians 2:3

Exhortation #2 – “but go on speaking and do not be silent;”

Romans 10:17

Acts 18:10

Encouragement #1 – “for I am with you,” Hebrews 13:5

Encouragement #2 – “and no man will attack you in order to harm you,”

This reveals the Doctrine of Divine Election: 2 Tim. 2:19; Eph. 1:4; Acts 13:48

1 Kings 19:18

Acts 18:11-17

Sosthenes later became a Christian. 1 Cor. 1:1

Acts 18:18

### **Application:**

1. Our Disappointments Become His Appointments
2. Our Vocation is Christ
3. The Message must Always Be “Jesus Is The Christ!”
4. The Means to The End Is To Teach God’s Word. (Brings Salvation, Growth, and Maturity)
5. Christianity Does not Purpose to Change the World by Thinking or Doing, but by Being!