

**Acts 18:1-17 (NIV)**

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>And 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, <sup>3</sup>and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup>And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. <sup>6</sup>And 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.” <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, 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. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup>for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup>And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

<sup>12</sup>But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, <sup>13</sup>saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.” <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>But 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.” <sup>16</sup>And he drove them from the tribunal. <sup>17</sup>And 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.  
<sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> 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)

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