



Bible Study Notes

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Acts 18:1-17

¹ After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 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. ⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

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

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. 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. ¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.

God is not intimidated by evil.

Evil must yield the name of Jesus Christ!

What do we do when it looks like evil is winning?

Psalm 23:5

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

"Another task the shepherd takes on is to keep an eye out for predators. He will look for signs of wolves, coyotes, cougars, and bears. Often what happens is that the crafty predators lurk up on the rimrock watching every movement the sheep make, hoping for a chance to make a swift attack that will stampede the sheep. Then sheep will be separated and will fall easy to the attacker.



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The picture here is full of drama, action, suspense – and possible death. Only the preparation and alertness of the shepherd who tends the flock on this tableland in full view of the enemies can prevent them from fall prey to attack.”

Adapted from *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by Phillip Keller

God wants us to have holy audacity. (boldness, not rude or disrespectful)

As we stay near the Shepherd, we are protected. His presence is the difference-maker!

Psalm 23:4

*⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me*

James 4:7-8

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you.

As a couple grows in their love for God, they naturally grow closer together.

A couple that is unified in their commitment to Christ can do anything!

Marriage can be thought of as a lifelong journey of learning to love like Christ.

Romans 16:3-5

*³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. ⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.
⁵ Greet also the church that meets at their house.*

1 Corinthians 16:19

¹⁹ The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla¹ greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

2 Timothy 4:19

¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila...

John 1:11-13

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

