

"It's Too Soon to Quit"

Acts 18:1-22

*Map of Paul's 2nd missionary journey

- I. The blessing of devoted helpers (v. 1-5)
 - A. Paul ministered in the mission field of Corinth

*Pictures of Corinth

- B. Paul received help from Priscilla & Aquila

"Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them." (Romans 16:3)

- C. Paul gained encouragement from Silas & Timothy

"But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel." (Philippians 2:22)

- D. Paul preached the gospel

- II. The blessing of converts (v. 6-8)

- A. Paul was opposed by the Jews
 - B. Paul took the gospel to the Gentiles
 - C. Many believed in Jesus

- III. The blessing of fellowship with God (v. 9-11)

- A. Paul heard a word from the Lord
 - B. Paul was promised God's presence

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

- C. Paul was promised God's protection

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." (Psalm 34:7)

- D. Paul taught the word of God

- IV. The blessing of God's activity to stop the enemy

- A. Paul was accused of breaking the law
 - B. The judge dismissed the charges

C. The main accuser was beaten

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes.” (I Corinthians 1:1)

V. The blessing of knowing God’s will

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1)

A. Paul was led by God to leave Corinth

B. Paul was led by God to visit Ephesus

C. Paul was led by God to return to Antioch