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### Acts 18:1-17 - Paul Goes to Corinth

- Paul left Athens and went to Corinth – Acts 18:1
- Paul had left Athens on his own accord before Timothy and Silas
- Paul traveled 50 miles to a population of Corinth that was around 200,000
- Corinth's **capital** was Achaia
- It was known for its wickedness and wealth
- Corinth was heavily involved in trades
- Paul came from Athens weak but still bold in speech – 1 Corinthians 2:1-3
- Paul had a large task and Corinth was a large city
- Paul stayed with Aquila and Priscilla
- Paul continued to **teach** in the Synagogues like he had previously
- When Timothy and Titus came from Macedonia they came with money – 2 Corinthians 11:9
- People became upset with Paul and opposed him – 1 Corinthians 16:9
- Paul responds back to them your blood be on your head
- Paul never ceased talking to the Gentiles or the Jews most likely because of what **God** did
- Regardless of the opposition people believed and were baptized – Acts 18:8
- “The Devil never kicks a dead horse” – Charles Spurgeon
- The Lord then gives Paul a vision of hope – Acts 18:9-10
- Paul had to have been encouraged, because of the length of time that he stayed, 1 year and 6 months
- Gallio took Paul to a judge for him teaching contrary to the **law**
- The trial was dismissed because they didn't see an issue with the Roman law but an issue with the interpretation of the Jewish religion – Acts 18:14
- Following this Sosthenes the leader of the synagogue was beaten

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### Acts 18:18-23 – Paul Goes back to Antioch

- After 18 months in Corinth Paul decided to leave
- Paul had made a vow (most likely a Nazarite vow) – Numbers 6
- Paul at the Corinth's eastern seaport Cenchreae, cuts his **hair**
- Next Paul had went to Ephesus and tried to talk with the people in the Synagogue
- Paul got asked to stay longer and he declined and headed out – Acts 18:20
- Paul said he will return, if the Lord wills – James 4:13-15
- Paul gets back to Antioch and spends some time there – Acts 18:23
- Paul strengthens the believers and **travels** some more
- Making disciples is not just sharing the gospel but also helping believers to grow

### Acts 18:24-28 – Apollos

- A man named Apollos from Alexandria went to Ephesus
- Paul had stayed 3 years in Ephesus – Acts 20:31
- Apollos seemed to later be a friend of Pauls – Titus 3:13, 1 Cor. 16:12
- Apollos was a man that was **seeking** the Lord
- He was someone who taught about Jesus but didn't have much knowledge of him
- Paul had left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus
- Apollos only knew the Old Testament scriptures and up to John the Baptist
- Aquila and Priscilla met Apollos and **shared** with him what they knew – Acts 18:26
- Apollos went to Corinth and was received very well – Acts 18:27
- Apollos spoke passionately about Jesus and seemed to be a pretty good speaker