

## Fellow Workers in Life (Acts 18:1-11)

Gospel started in Jerusalem, passed the province of Asia and then arrived in Athens. However, Paul could not bear fruit in Athens because he proclaimed superiority of Jesus comparing therein religion's philosophy and intellectual knowledge. He left there with only controversy. Thereafter he went to Corinth and decided to spread the Gospel (Jesus Christ). And it was the greatest revival on his mission trip.

**Initial Opposition** “they opposed Paul and became abusive (Acts 18:6) Corinth was city of obscenity while Athens was a city with idolatry and scholars. Paul was distressed to proclaim the Gospel and felt it not possible. **“I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. (1 Corint 2:3)** However, God gave him, in his vision, amazing confidence.

**God's Plan / Responsibility / Obedience / Confidence** “One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: **“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city. (Acts 18:9-10).** God prepared the way in advance because He commanded Paul to go to Europe.

**Exodus Israelites.** Canaan was the prepared land for Israelites. Though there were several obstacles on the way but God prepared all things to accomplish His Plan **“And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord. (Exodus 6:8)”** And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.(Exodus 3:17)

**We will be bold when we know God's Plan.** Eventually, Paul stayed for a year and a half after he heard God's plan in his vision. **Power of God appears when we obey.** Fear is the greatest enemy in evangelism and missions. Paul was distressed with fear in Corinth but God told him that there were His people.

**Ministry with Fellow Workers.** We could not do ministry alone but with fellow workers in God. **“When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. (Acts 18:5)** At that moment, Paul preached Jesus in God's Word. **“For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. (1Cor 1:21)** Preaching is proclaiming God's Word by delegated one to wake our conscience which disobey God. **Paul was devoted to Words.** He preached Jesus Christ only wherever he goes then amazing works and revival appeared. **“And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)**

### **Paul met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth (Fellow worker in his life)**

**“After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 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, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. (Acts 18:1-3)** Paul said in the bible regarding Aquila and Priscilla **“They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. (Romans 16:4)**

1. Preaching Gospel is the first Priority
2. Faithful fellow worker
3. Used own house as the church **“Greet also the church that meets at their house (Romans 16:5)**

Paul experienced amazing revival in Corinth when he obeyed God even in a fearful situation. Furthermore, he met fellow workers in his life. How about us? Do we have a job; children; health; business marriage....for ministry of the Gospel? Don't we need God for blessings? We should make it clear that all of our life exist for the glory of God which is the first priority..... Do not be afraid of surroundings but obey God's word then one will experience His presence.