

Sermon Title: "THE CHURCH AT CORINTH" - Part 2

Date: November 12, 2023 - Acts 18:9-23

Central Idea: Be faithful in your commitments and leave the problems to God. Are you being faithful, and do you leave your problems with God?

Introduction: While Paul, with the help of Silas and Timothy, devoted himself fully to the preaching and teaching of the gospel, the opposition from the Jews became increasingly powerful. Discouragement and fear became Paul's companions and hindered him in his ministry. Like many other saints who had preceded him, Paul needed a word of encouragement.

I. Paul and His God vv. 9-11

1. Commands v. 9

- (1) "Do not be afraid."**
- (2) "Continue to speak."**
- (3) "Do not be silent."**

2. Promises v. 10

- (1) "I am with you."**
- (2) "No one will attack you."**
- (3) "I have many people in this city."**

3. Response v. 11

II. Paul and His Enemies vv. 12-17

1. Proconsul v. 12

2. Accusation v. 13

3. Attitude vv. 14-17

III. Paul Returns to Antioch vv. 18-23

Conclusion: Paul stayed in Corinth for eighteen months. It was not long before there were many believers, perhaps hundreds. Some of us may be discouraged and fear an uncertain future. Some of us are seeing encouraging things happen but are afraid they will not last, and hard times will return. Paul was faithful in his commitments. He continued to serve the Lord and fight the battle, regardless of his feelings, no matter what circumstances he saw on the horizon. We must do the same.