



God doing what God does

So Paul can do what Paul does

Acts 18:1-11

Context:

1. Paul is called to a new and wonderful missionary _____ in Acts 16:10.
2. Paul sees Lydia and her whole family saved in Philippi, but _____ after, Paul is arrested, beaten, and put in jail. In Jail, however, God gives Paul a miracle which leads to the salvation of the Jailer and his whole family. But again, _____ after, Paul is forced out of town.
3. In Thessalonica, Paul sees a pretty good response to his initial preaching. There are “some Jews”, “a large number of Greeks”, and “quite a few prominent women” who are saved. _____ after, jealous jews formed a mob and instigated a riot to try and force Paul to stop preaching in their town. When they couldn’t find Paul and Silas, they arrested and fined some of the new believers instead. As a result, the new believers in Thessalonica _____ Paul out of town in the night.
4. In Berea, Paul’s preaching resulted in many Jews, Greeks, and prominent women being saved. Paul had finally found a group of Jews he could work with. _____ when the Jews from Thessalonica found out, they came to Berea to try and go after Paul again. So again, Paul was _____ out of town, for his own safety.
5. In Athens, Paul had _____ opportunities to speak with Jews, God Fearers, Philosophers, and the cities elite. But as it were, **not that many** responded, and Paul moved on the Corinth.
6. When Paul arrived in Corinth, he was _____, fearful, and trembling. (I Corinthians 2:2)
7. In about verse 5, Paul was under _____, and persecution. (I Thessalonians 3:7)
8. Corinth was a city of _____ (I Corinthians 5:1-11), held the temple of **Artemis** with its 1000 female prostitutes, and was the **slang word** for drunkard and/or prostitute in other cities.
9. When the Jews did not respond to his teaching, he lashed out and _____ for a moment.

At this point in time, Paul was _____, riding a roller coaster of emotion, _____, and frustrated.

It is possible that he is also suffering from _____ and/or _____ as well.

Right now – Paul _____ God like at no other time since his salvation.

What did God do to minister to Paul?

1. God gave him _____.
 - a. Aquilla and Priscilla, from Rome, tentmakers, and mature believers. (vs 1-3)
 - b. Silas and Timothy returning from Philippi and Thessalonica. (vs 5)
2. God gave them _____ and _____ support
 - a. Silas brought an offering from the church in Philippi which supported the ministry. (Think of Lydia as the ringleader) (Phi. 4:15 & 2 Cor.. 11:19)
 - b. Timothy brought a good report regarding the church in Thessalonica. (I Thessalonians 3:6)
3. God gave them local _____
 - a. Leaders, such as Titius Justus (Gaius), Crispus, and Stephanas (I Cor 1:14)
 - b. Many Corinthians who heard, believed, and were baptized (vs 8)
4. God gave Paul _____ instructions
 - a. Keep on speaking, for I am with you
 - b. No one will attack you hear, for I am with you
 - c. I have many people in the city for you to reach still, and I will be with you
5. God gave Paul _____, 18 months of unopposed ministry to be exact.

What will God do for you when living for HIM becomes difficult, tiresome, and even dangerous?

1. **He** will bring into your life _____ who will encourage and support you.
2. **He** will provide what is _____ for you to continue to do your ministry.
3. **He** will give you qualified and likeminded people to work _____ you.
4. **He** will give you the _____ it takes to get it done.
5. But he probably _____ give you a golden ticket to **escape** the difficult things.