



God doing what God does

So Paul can do what Paul does – PART 2

Acts 18:12-17

When Paul was discouraged, lonely, frustrated, fearful, and sick; God ...

1. Gave Paul Aquilla and Priscilla, as _____ he could relate to, and he brought Silas and Timothy to Paul, so that the _____ was together again.
2. Gave the entire group _____ and _____ support through an offering from Philippi and a surprisingly good report about the church in Thessalonica.
3. Gave them _____ in their current ministry that encouraged perseverance.
4. Gave Paul _____ **instructions**, a _____ of **protection**, and the _____ to do ministry.

That was God doing what God does, so Paul can do what Paul Does – PART 1

Part 2 – Act 1: Acts 18:12-13

1. This is a _____ passage. IE: During the 18 months of protected ministry, ...
2. For those _____ with local history, Gallio was the proconsul of Achaia.
3. This was a “_____ attack”.
 - a. Synagogue Leaders, Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, Teachers of the Law
Business leaders, political leaders
 - b. They tried to _____ Paul, in a similar way that they “ended” _____.
4. The Jews brought charges to the **Romans**, accusing Paul of a **Roman** offense, hoping for a **Roman** _____.
5. The charge was that Paul wanted Jews to worship God in a different, **illegal** way.
 - a. Judaism **was allowed** under Roman law, but they said this is _____ Judaism.

Part 2 – Acts 2: Acts 18:14-16

1. Before Paul could even speak – Gallio ruled on the matter.
 - a. Christianity _____ a sect of Judaism, so it's allowed.
 - b. This whole thing is just a bunch of trumped up charges with _____ merit.
 - c. This is _____ problem, not mine.
 - d. _____ me alone, and _____ wasting my time.

2. Gallio's judgement make Paul's ministry, and Christianity _____ from that point on.
 - a. A Proconsul's decision set a _____ much like our Supreme Court.
 - b. In similar future matters, _____ decision would determine future rulings.
 - c. If Gallio has ruled differently, Paul would have been _____ of business and Christianity would have been a _____ offense.

Part 2 – Act 3: Acts 18:17

1. Sosthenes, the synagogue leader, was beaten because of his _____.
2. Gallio didn't care. Again, it was their problem.

What did God do through all of this?

1. He _____ his promise to Paul to eliminate the threat from the Jews.
2. He gave Paul a _____ precedent to continue preaching about Jesus. (18 months)
3. He continued to give Paul and his team local ministry _____. (I Cor, 1:1)

- Application:**
1. God is _____ at work.
 2. Sometimes it's _____ (Paul).
 3. Sometimes It's _____ (Sosthenes).