



God doing what God does

So Paul can do what Paul does – PART 3

Acts 18:18-28

REVIEW:

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

1. Gave Paul _____ he could relate to, and built an effective team to work with.
2. Gave the entire group moral _____ and financial _____ from churches in Philippi and Thessalonica.
3. Gave them _____ in their current ministry that encouraged continued efforts.
4. Gave Paul clear instructions, a promise of protection, and the time to do his work.

When Paul was attacked by the combined efforts of the Jewish community; God ...

1. Put a Roman in charge over Corinth who had _____ patience for frivolous legal action.
2. Put legal precedent on the side of Paul and Christianity, as a _____ against further Jewish attacks.
3. Gave further moral support, encouragement, and success as this whole episode resulted in Sosthenes, the newest Synagogue leader becoming a _____.

Today's context:

1. The burden to evangelize, teach, and preach is getting too large for Paul, Timothy, and Silas to handle _____.
2. Many of the churches were growing through evangelism, but now needed Bible based discipleship to move from survival mode to _____ mode.

So, what do we see God doing in this passage to deal with these issues?

1. God gave an expansion of _____ serving the growing churches.
 - a. Priscilla and Aquilla are left in Ephesus.
 - I Corinthians 16:19 tells us that the church in Ephesus met in the _____ of Priscilla and Aquilla.
 - In verse 20, Paul was asked to stay in Ephesus, but _____.
 - b. Apollos ministered in Ephesus and then _____ on to Achaia
2. God brought highly qualified _____ into strategic places of ministry.
 - a. Priscilla and Aquilla did not need _____, nor did they need _____.
 - b. Neither Paul, nor Apollos felt like they needed to stay either.
 - c. Apollos was “Learned” (vs 24), “spoke with fervor” and “taught about Jesus accurately” (vs 25) before he was even fully saved. After he went to Achaia, he was a “great help” (vs 27), and “proved from the scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.” (vs 28)
3. God provided _____ and _____ among the churches and believers from difference cities.
 - a. The church in Philippi sent an offering so that Paul could minister full time.
 - b. When Apollos went to Achaia, the church in Ephesus sent a _____ of introduction and endorsed Apollos as a leader and preacher in the church.

Application:

1. God will provide for us **what** we need, **when** and **where** we need it, to accomplish **his** work and carry out **his** will here on Earth.
2. God is _____ at work, whether it’s obvious to us, or not.
3. God always has, and always will do his most important work through _____. **Exiles** like Priscilla and Aquilla, **young people** like Timothy, **support people** like Lydia, Barnabas, and Silas; **big names** like Paul and Apollos, and **local believers** like the members of the churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, Lystra, Derbe, Phrygia, Galatia, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, and Achaia.