

The account of Paul's time in Corinth is not only a record of how the Spirit ministered through him, but also a stirring description of how He ministered to him. Paul had been driven out of Macedonia and barely tolerated in Athens. In Corinth, he met the same hostility he had experienced before from the Jews.

The ambience of Corinth itself didn't help. Materialism and vice were present at every turn. The cosmopolitan city was dominated by the Temple of Aphrodite towering over the city with 1,000 consecrated prostitutes. This "vanity fair" of the Roman world was the capital of the province of Achaia and the leading commercial city of Greece. As Paul looked around at the sensuality and crass commercialism, he no doubt wondered what type of strategy to use to reach this pagan city.

Friends

Faith and Finances

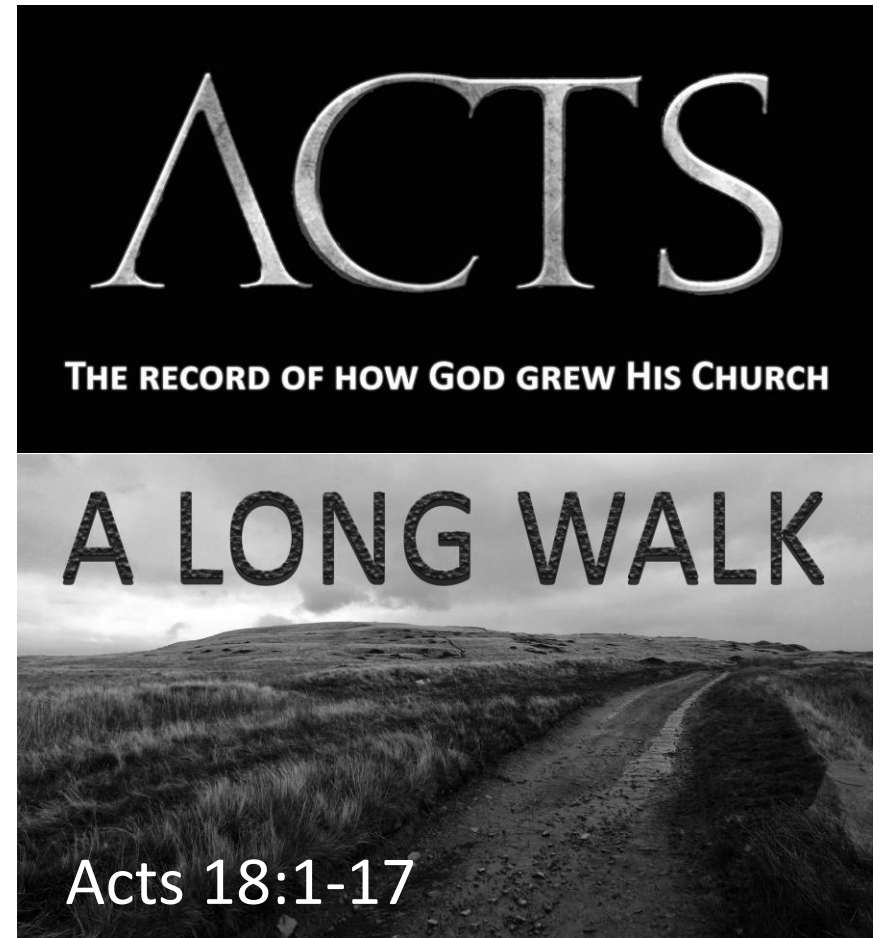
New Followers

Fellowship with God

Frustration of Enemies

Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. How does our modern world resemble first-century society?
2. Think about a time when you were wrongly accused. How did you respond?
3. Think back to a time in your life when you were very discouraged. What changed to bring you out from under the cloud of discouragement?
4. When have you felt like you didn't measure up to what God wants you to do?
5. Who has been an encourager to your faith walk? ("...In our distress and affliction when have been comforted about you through your faith...")
6. In what ways is God
Commanding you?
Reminding you?
Promising you?
Informing you?



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