



Companions in Ministry

Acts 18

Paul's Three Missionary Journeys

1. Acts 13:4 to 15:35 (AD 46-49)
2. Acts 15:36 – 18:22 (AD 50-52)
3. Acts 18:23 – 21:15 (AD 53-58)

Ministry Priorities

1. Purposes of God
2. People (*companions!*)
3. Programmes
4. Property

Paul's Discipleship Method

1. Going: *Athens – Corinth – Cenchrea – Ephesus – Caesarea – Antioch*
2. Practice: *Jews first, then Gentiles (13:46; 18:6)*
3. Frontier: *Corinth*
 - ❑ Difficult city (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
 - ❑ Different culture
 - ❑ Arriving without companions - alone

Companions (Networking...)

- ❖ Aquila & Priscilla (1-4) *Tent-making ministry; disciplined by Paul (action-reflection) (see v5)*
- ❖ Silas & Timothy (5) *Travelling companions (17:14 -> 18:5)*
- ❖ Titius Justus (7) *Providing resource*
- ❖ Crispus (8) *New disciple; baptised by Paul (1 Cor 1:14)*
- ❖ Sosthenes (17) *New disciple, Paul's "brother" (1Cor 1:1)*
- ❖ Apollos (24-28) *Disciplined by Aquila & Priscilla, became authoritative communicator of the Gospel*

The
Supreme
Companion
(18:9-10)

The Lord said,
“Don’t be afraid, but keep on speaking and don’t be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to hurt you, because I have many people in this city.”

The Lord speaks....

- ✓ Presence: I am with you
- ✓ Power: Fear not, keep ministering
- ✓ Protection: No one will...(Jn 16:33)
- ✓ Potentials: I have many in this city

- Never give up! -