

“I AM WITH YOU”

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Acts 18:1 — After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

Three steps toward seeing God . . .

Acts 18:2 — 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them,

I. Unite with other believers

I Corinthians 1:10 — I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.
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Acts 18:3-8 — and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. 6 And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” 7 And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

II. Press on!

It is hard to wait and press and pray, and hear no voice, but stay till God answers. Quote by E.M. Bounds

Romans 10:14 — How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching.

Acts 18:9-10 — And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for **I am with you**, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.

Isaiah 41:10 — (NASB) ‘Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Psalms 46:1b,2a — God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.

Matthew 28:20b — And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Acts 18:11 — And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Acts 18:12,13 — But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, 13 saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.”

III. Fear God not man

Proverbs 19:23 — The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

Acts 18:14-16 — But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint. 15 But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.” 16 And he drove them from the tribunal.

God incarnate is the end of fear; and the heart that realizes that He is in the midst... will be quiet in the middle of alarm. Quote by F.B. Meyer

Acts 18:17 — But 17 And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.
