

# STRENGTHENED

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How to strengthen our faith and build the church ...

## I. The Exit: Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Corinth.

**Acts 18:18** Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchrea because of a vow he had taken.

### A. He starts \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 18:19** They arrived at **Ephesus**, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

**Acts 18:20** When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined.

**Acts 18:21** But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

### B. He strengthens \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 18:22** When he landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch.

**Acts 18:23** After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

## II. The Entrance: Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesus.

**Acts 18:24a** Now a Jew named **Apollos**, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus.

### 1. An \_\_\_\_\_ man — He knew & used his gifts.

**Acts 18:24b** He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures.

### 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ man — He loved Jesus passionately.

**Acts 18:25** He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being ferve[n] in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ man — He was teachable.

**Acts 18:26** He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

### 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ man — He was faithful & available.

**Acts 18:27** And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encourage him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed,

### 5. A \_\_\_\_\_ man — He knew his Bible.

**Acts 18:28** for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus

## III. Summary - How to strengthen our faith and build the church:

1. Know & use your spiritual gifts.
2. Love Jesus passionately.
3. Be teachable (& humble - accept correction)
4. Be faithful & available.
5. Know your Bible.