

Sermon Specifics:

- a. **Date:** 06/24/18
- b. **Series:** Acts: Life Unleashed
- c. **Title:**
- d. **Text:** Acts 18:1-28
- e. **Preacher:** Brian Morgan

Context:

As with the recent chapters of Acts we have been studying --we get the recordings of Paul's journeys. This particular chapter we see a bit more detail on his day to day life/processes of going about ministry over an 18-24 month period (even mention of a haircut! v 18)!!

The chapter mixes reasoning and Pauls' strategy vs. listening to the Spirit which is intriguing.

It will be interesting to see what Brian highlights but this is the angle I found most provoking in my application of this text.

Questions:

1. Verses 1-11. Pauls strategies: **He finds** Aquila. **He reasons** in the Synagogue. He for some reason moves from reasoning to **focus on the Word** in v.5 when Silas and Timothy show up in Corinth.

He gets some pushback in v.6 and subsequent fear (based on v.9) but then some great encouragement v. 8 with Crispus. Verse 9 is the vision to encourage Paul not to be silent or afraid (must have been something Paul was battling with given his recent experiences) and verse 10 encouragement

from the Lord about His presence and "I have many people in this city."

a. What are the implications of this range of sequence of events for us today in our outreach to non-believers or how you view God working in our church? Does this give you freedom? Do you feel a calling "not be silent"? What do these verses mean to you?

2. Following this exhortation and hopefully encouragement what is the point of v 12-17? A bit strange interaction? An example of God's protection? What a turn of events for Sosthenes....

3. Verses 18-21 -the haircut vow (from Numbers 6:2) and leaving Corinth for Ephesus and seemingly welcome with open arms...**he decides not to stay!** How does this reasoning side of Paul help you in decisions you make in serving God vs. "listening to the Spirit?"

4. Verses 24-28. What does the Apollo example of his teaching vs. Priscilla and Aquila feedback teach us? And Pauls getting out of the way? How teachable are you?