

**God's Encouragement for His Weary Servant**  
**Acts 18:1-18**  
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1 Cor 2:3 "I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling."

Mature Christians don't have bad days. Do they?

Do you know what a Hagiography is?

**Why was Paul Discouraged?**

He was Lonely. He was Penniless. He was Weary. He was Worried.

Are you weary? Are you troubled? Are you alone?

Perhaps Paul was fearing additional persecution

**How did God encourage him?**

God sent him companions in ministry. Friends. Co Laborers.

Aquila and Prisca

Silas and Timothy

They also returned with good news.

What ought a church to be for the sheep?

They also had donated mission money (2 Cor 11:9; Phil 4:11-12).

"Paul was occupied with the word."

**God Blessed Paul's Ministry**

Crispus, Titius Justus, others.

**God Directly Encouraged Paul**

Jesus spoke to him in a vision (Acts 9:12; 16:9-10; 23:11; 27:23-24).

In verses 9-10 we have 3 commands and 3 promises given to Paul.

But one comforting message from God. I am with you (Ex 3:12; Josh 1:5, 9; Jer 1:8).

I will protect you. I will make you fruitful.

**Paul stayed 18 months in Corinth.**

Who was Gallio?

Who was Sosthenes?

How was the ruling beneficial for the early church?

We need encouragement. We need each other. We need friends, co-laborers, companions. We need God to be with us. We need the gospel to heal us, and strengthen us.