

SENT series  
Week 6 outline  
6.26.22  
Acts 18:1-11

## HOW A MESSAGE BECAME A MOVEMENT

### Power, Persistence, and Promise

- I. **After These things...** a recap of Paul's Journey So far.
  - A. Paul's journey thus far was **not** awesome.
  - B. Gaining a few believers here and there
  - C. Every where he went he was being threatened, beaten, thrown in prison, and run out of town.
  - D. In Athens, some believed but some sneered... So off to Corinth.
- II. **Corinth**
  - A. Corinth was a port city... kind of.
  - B. It was an isthmus... separating Greece from the Pelopenician Peninsula.
  - C. Like New York City meets Las Vegas.
  - D. Lots of people, lots of travelers, lots of money, lots of sin.
  - E. Acting like a Corinthian means you were acting like a loose wild immoral person.
  - F. Paul's Feelings to this Point. (1 Corinthians 2: 3) weakness and fear, and in great trembling...
- III. **The Power of a Marriage on Mission:** Acts 18: 1-3
  - A. Pricilla and Aquilla mentioned 9 times in the bible. This is their first appearance.
  - B. They are never mentioned separately
  - C. Exiled from Rome because Claudius kicked out all the Jews (Romans series)
  - D. They were Jews who followed Jesus
  - E. May have met in there Synagogue (similar trades sat together!)
  - F. Incredible Ministry from their home(s)
  - G. Life on mission together
    1. not just focused on what God was doing between them, but THROUGH them!
    2. Helped Plant the church in Ephesus
    3. Went with Paul to Antioch
      - tent makers, mobil, ready and willing to go where the Lord said to go
    4. taught Apollos the whole Gospel and about Holy Spirit (more on that later...)
- IV. **Knowing your Purpose:** Acts 18:4-6
  - A. Paul was a powerful preacher
  - B. He had great knowledge but was also full of the Holy Spirit.
  - C. Paul was reasoning in the Synagogue. v.4
    1. Paul was an intellectual... reason and logic were his Wheelhouse!
    2. Sharing about Jesus was his hearts desire
    3. supported himself as tentmaker (leather worker) to not be a burden

**Old Jewish Proverb:** *He who does not teach his son a trade teaches him to steal.*
  - D. Silas and Timothy arrive (and bring funding) so he no longer needs to make tents.
    1. This Releases Paul into his gifting and calling
    2. **We are ALL called to missions.** Some full time and some in your workplace

E. The Jews resisted and Blasphemed!

1. Being on mission is not always met with joy and fun!
2. Do what you can until you can't. (Mark 6:11)

**V. Divine Next Steps:** Acts 18:7-8

A. Meets Titius Justus,

1. "Worshiper of God" whose house was beside the synagogue.
2. Strategic location for the home base in Corinth
  - a. Right beside the center of Jewish religious activity.
3. Do the next right thing

B. Crispus: Synagogue leader...because of Paul becomes follower of Jesus

1. Crispus whole family believes!
2. Things start rolling! "many of the Corinthians, as they listened...believed"
3. Cost of following Jesus.
  - a. Cost Crispus his Job! V. 17
  - b. How much are you willing to risk? none? some? or ALL?

**VI. God's Promise to Paul and us** - Acts 18: 9-11

A. Paul's dream: "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent... FOR..."

B. God's Promises

1. I am with you (I AM WITH YOU)
2. No one will attack you to harm you (I WILL PROTECT YOU)
3. "I have many people in this city" (I HAVE THINGS FOR YOU TO DO!)

C. Paul's obedience

1. Paul Settled there for another 1 year and 6 months.
2. Where you Go I go, where you stay I stay.
3. We don't move ahead, fall behind, or stay still. we follow God (like a well trained dog!)

**VII. Gospel Community-** Acts 18:18

A. What is it?

1. Group of likeminded Christians moving freely and intentionally in the same direction.
2. Gospel Community isn't just found, it's created!

B. How do we create it?

1. What has God given you as a resource?
  - a. Your home: how are you leveraging your home for his kingdom?
  - b. Marriage: are you co-habiting or co-missioning in one accord for His gospel?
  - c. Your job: is your job your main thing, or the thing that helps your main thing?
  - d. Friends: How can you use your relationships to grow the kingdom?
    - Live life together!
    - Be real, Go Deep!
    - Share each others burdens in a REAL Way!

C. What is the thing that is right in front of you?

- spend time praying with your spouse or friends about what to do together
- don't be dissuaded by failure or resistance... it WILL happen.

D. Be FILLED with the Holy Spirit. Acts 18:24-28, 1 Corinthians 2:2-5

1. Only by His Spirit and His Power was the early church grown.
2. Knowledge is good, but His Spirit at work is better!