



# THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

## THIS WEEK AT THF

### ▶ **THURSDAY**

THF Men's Ministry - Bible Study & Fellowship  
**6:30am-7:30am**

## UPCOMING AT THF

**MARCH 22** - One Worship Service - **9:30am**

**MARCH 28** - Men's Breakfast - **8:30am at THF**

**APRIL 2** - Women's Ministry Event:  
Seder Service - **6:00pm-8:00pm**

**APRIL 5** - Easter Services - **9:30am & 11:00am**

**MAY 15-17** - Men's Ministry Retreat

## Accessing your 2025 Giving Statement

[www.theheightsfellowship.org](http://www.theheightsfellowship.org)

- Click Connect Link
- Click Online Member Portal
- Click inFellowship
- Log in or create an account
- Click Your Giving
- Change the year to 2025
- Click View/Download Statement

Please continue to check all of our social media outlets and our website for updates to weekly activities and Sunday Services.

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### March 8, 2026

**BUDGET GIVING:** \$20,238.26

**BUDGET NEEDS:** \$19,902.00

### YEAR TO DATE

**BUDGET GIVING:** \$163,411.45

**BUDGET NEEDS:** \$187,648.00

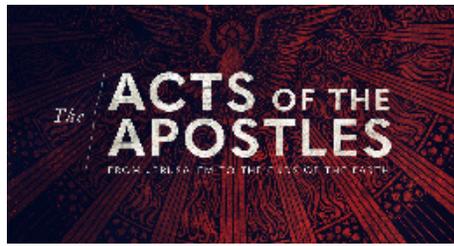
**March 15, 2026**

## Acts | 18:1-17

### PAUL AT THE BRIDGE

"If Satan's arsenal of weapons were restricted to a single one, it would be discouragement."

- CS Lewis



After Paul's audience at the Areopagus in Athens, he left town and went about 50 miles west to the city of Corinth.

### CORINTH

- was **THE COMMERCIAL CENTER** in Greece
- **750,000** people (larger than Athens and Ephesus)
- Had been **REBUILT** only 100 years before
- sat on a **NARROW LAND BRIDGE** (3 1/2 miles) with a **PORT** on either side (Ionian and Aegean Seas)
- Nearly all **COMMERCIAL GOODS** passed through Corinth (N/S intersected E/W)
- Was a **SPORTS HUB** - the **ISTHMIAN GAMES** happened there
- Was a **MORALLY BANKRUPT** place...the Greeks used the term *korinthiazesthai* to refer someone who proliferated a life of immorality **APHRODITE'S TEMPLE**
- It was ALL of the above...but it was very **STRATEGIC**



### PAUL'S FRAME OF MIND...

- At the least, he was **WEARY**; but he was probably **DISCOURAGED** !
- he had to **SCRAMBLE** in Asia
  - he had been **beaten, jailed** and **RUN OUT** of Philippi
  - he had been under **RIOT** and **CHASED from** Thessalonica and Berea
  - he had been **DISMISSED** in Athens
  - he was **TIRED**
  - was **FRUSTRATED** by the **idolatry** in Athens and **debauchery** in Corinth
  - He was **ISOLATED** and **ALONE** in a strange place
  - And, he was **BROKE**

...for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith... 1 Thessalonians 3:7 **LETTER WRITTEN FROM CORINTH**

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 1 Corinthians 2:3

### PROVIDED HIM PARTNERS vv1-4 **CLAUDIUS EXPELLED JEWS B/C OF CHRESTUS**

- **THEY** were **DISPLACED** from Rome by Emperor Claudius in 49AD
- **THEY** were **TRADESMEN - TENTMAKERS**, like Paul **HE HIRED ON?**

#### AQUILA

Was a **JEW** by birth  
 Was from **PONTUS** (north Turkey)  
 Aquila was **NOT** a Jewish name (not uncommon in the trades)  
 Probably connected with Paul in the **SYNAGOGUE** v4

#### PRISCA (PRISCILLA)

Probably not a **JEWESS**  
 Records indicate she may have been from a **DISTINGUESHED** family  
 Paul always calls her by her formal name: **PRISCA**  
 Luke calls her by the diminutive: **PRISCILLA**  
 Was probably the more **PROMINENT** of the two (4/6X mentioned first)

- **WE** don't know if they were **BELIEVERS** already...or if they **became Christians** through Paul's ministry **NOT INTRODUCED AS BROTHERS/XTIANS 18:2**
- **THEY** were originally just a social/racial/occupational **CONNECTION**
- **THEY** became indispensable **CO-WORKERS** in the faith Rom 16:3

### GAVE HIM PERSEVERANCE TO PROCLAIM vv5-8

- The arrival of Silas and Timothy **WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT** gave Paul the freedom to work **FULL TIME** in the ministry
- Jewish **OPPOSITION** created Gentile **OPPORTUNITY** for the gospel
- Prominent Jews and **MANY** Corinthians believed

### GAVE HIM THE PROMISE OF PRESENCE vv9-11

- The **LORD** gave Paul a **VISION**: **ONE OF 6 VISIONS PAUL CLAIMED TO HAVE**
- God promised Paul His **PRESENCE**
- God promised Paul His **PROTECTION**
- God promised Paul His **POTENTIAL**

### Showed him PROTECTION IN PERIL vv12-17

- The **LORD** kept His **PROMISE** to Paul
- Gallio was a remarkably **CONGENIAL** and **FAIR** ruler
- God gave them **FAVOR**, when Gallio sided with Paul (and the faith) and literally drove the **COMPLAINING** Jews away
- Jewish reaction even prompted their **LEADER** to come to **FAITH** 1 Cor 1:1

### APPLICATIONS AND INSIGHTS -

- 1 God knows just **WHAT** we need, **WHEN** we need it!
- 2 Our **LOWEST** moments are when God shows **HIGHEST**
- 3 Never underestimate the 'testimony of **WEAKNESS** '!