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SEASON 5

A message series
about making disciples then and now.



THE TALE
OF 2 CITIES
pt 1 CORINTH





Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 18 - CORINTH
Acts 19 - EPHESUS

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**CITY OF
CORINTH**

1. Geographically
2. Commercially

3. Culturally
4. Religiously

Geographically - Achaia map



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Commercially



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Culturally

- Known for its bronze work
- Known for its sports
- Known for its immorality – “To act like a Corinthian”

Religiously



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Acts 18

After this, Paul **left Athens and went to Corinth.** ² There he met a **Jew named Aquila**, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with **his wife Priscilla**, because **Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.** Paul went to see them,

Acts 18

³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18

⁵ When **Silas and Timothy** came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself **exclusively to preaching**, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

Acts 18

⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

Acts 18

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ **Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed** in the Lord; and **many of the Corinthians** who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

Acts 18

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “**Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.** ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ **So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.**

Acts 18

¹² But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews[b] made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, ¹³ saying, “This man is **persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.**”

Acts 18

¹⁴ But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint

Acts 18

¹⁵ **But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves.** I refuse to be a judge of these things.”

¹⁶ And he drove them from the tribunal.

Acts 18

¹⁷ And they all seized **Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue**, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.

1 Cor 1

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

Acts 18

¹⁸ After this, **Paul stayed many days longer** and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, **for he was under a vow.** ¹⁹ And they **came to Ephesus**, and he left them there, but he himself went into **the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.** ²⁰ When **they asked him to stay for a longer period**, he declined. ²¹ But on taking leave of them he said, **“I will return to you if God wills,”** and he set sail from Ephesus.



Acts 18

²² When he had landed at **Caesarea**, he went up and **greeted the church**, and then went down to **Antioch**. ²³ After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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THE CORINTH CHURCH

Challenges

- Unity (1 Cor 1-4)
- Immorality (1 Cor 5-7)
- Food (1 Cor 8-10)
- Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor 11-14)
- Resurrection (1 Cor 15-16)

1 Cor 6

⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. ⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men

1 Cor 6

¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God**

1 Cor 13 – “Love Never Fails”



1 Cor 15

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.