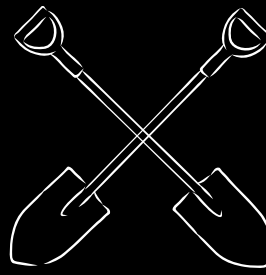


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

“Growing in Usefulness”
ACTS 18:18-27 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

God has called us to more than simply know His Word; He wants us to grow, mature, and become useful for His purposes. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Jake teaches a message from Acts Chapter 18 entitled “Growing in Usefulness” that includes 3 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

If we are going to grow as disciples, we must...

- 1) Remain committed to God’s will
- 2) Remain teachable
- 3) Use what we have learned to help others.

We hope this message encourages you to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, remain willing to be taught and corrected, and faithfully use what God has taught you to help others grow in Him.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)



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Text: Acts 18:18-23

Cross-References: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 37:4-5; Romans 12:1-2; Acts 16:6-10; Acts 21:10-14; Luke 22:39-46; James 4:13-15

Discuss: What does Acts 18:18-23 reveal about Paul's willingness to organize his plans around God's will rather than simply pursuing what he personally wanted? How does Paul's statement, "God willing," demonstrate an understanding that his plans were ultimately submitted to God's purposes? Looking at Acts 16:6-10, how did Paul respond when the Holy Spirit prevented him from going where he initially intended?

Text: Acts 18:18-23

Cross-References: 1 Samuel 15:22-23; John 14:15; James 1:22-25; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:36

Discuss: Why is knowing God's will insufficient if we are unwilling to obey it? According to 1 Samuel 15:22-23, why does God place such importance on obedience rather than merely religious activity? How does James 1:22-25 challenge the tendency to hear God's Word without allowing it to change our actions? What fears or "what if" scenarios can keep a believer from obeying God, and how can those fears cause us to miss opportunities God places before us?

Text: Acts 18:24-26

Cross-References: Proverbs 9:8-9; Proverbs 12:1; Proverbs 27:5-6; James 1:19-21; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Discuss: What makes Apollos an example of someone who was both knowledgeable and teachable? Although Apollos was eloquent, fervent, and mighty in the Scriptures, what important limitation did he have in his understanding? How did Priscilla and Aquila respond when they recognized that Apollos' understanding was incomplete?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 18:27-28

Cross-References: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10-11; James 1:22

Discuss: After Apollos received further instruction from Priscilla and Aquila, what did he do with what he had learned? According to Acts 18:27-28, how did Apollos use his growing understanding to strengthen and help others? How does this demonstrate that spiritual growth is not merely about accumulating knowledge but about becoming increasingly useful to God's kingdom?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) When God's will conflicts with my own plans or desires, do I willingly surrender my plans to Him, or do I try to convince God to bless the direction I have already chosen?
- 2) When I learn something new from Scripture, do I actually change the way I live, or am I simply collecting more biblical information without putting it into practice?
- 3) Who has God intentionally placed in my life that I may be overlooking as an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love, share the gospel, encourage, or disciple?

