

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – November 20-26
Doing Life Together – Inside Out Pt. 8

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:1-3

OBSERVATION: "It is significant that it was from this city that Paul wrote his Roman letter; and when one reads his description of Gentile corruption in that Roman letter, one has almost certainly a mirror of what he found in Corinth. (Romans 1:22-32)" (Morgan) Paul knew that because people from all over the Empire passed through Corinth, a strong church there could touch lives all over the Empire. He knew Corinth was a tough city, but he wasn't only interested in planting churches where he thought it would be easy

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:4-8

OBSERVATION: What kind of people were the many of the Corinthians who believed and were baptized? Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 1:26: For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. Paul shook his garments so that not a speck of dust from the synagogue would remain on his clothes, much less his sandals. This was a dramatic way of expressing his rejection of their rejection! Paul was certainly capable of dramatic and vivid demonstrations of his message.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:9-11

OBSERVATION: The solution to Paul's fear is for him to obey Jesus' command to not be afraid; and to speak and not keep silent, that is, to keep getting the Word of God out. The basis for God's command to not be afraid and to keep preaching is the promise I am with you. When we understand what this means, and Who is saying it, this is enough.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:12-17

OBSERVATION: "If Gallio had accepted the Jewish charge and found Paul guilty of the alleged offense, provincial governors everywhere would have had a precedent, and Paul's ministry would have been severely restricted. As it was, Gallio's refusal to act in the matter was tantamount to the recognition of Christianity as a *religio licita*" (Longenecker) Gallio was correct in seeing that the government has no legitimate role in attempting to decide religious matters, though government does have a legitimate role in matters of wrongdoing or wicked crimes.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:18-23

OBSERVATION: Strengthening all the disciples was important to Paul. If he were right here among us, he would want to know: "How strong of a disciple are you? What can I do to strengthen your walk with the Lord?" He would remind us all that it isn't enough to make a strong beginning with Jesus, but we must be always getting stronger.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Acts 18:24-28

OBSERVATION: It seems Apollos (like many in his day) was a missionary called by God alone, because we have no indication that he was sent or commissioned by any specific apostle. He simply came to Ephesus. Though some Corinthians fixated on Apollos in a divisive spirit (1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:4), there is no reason to believe that Apollos himself encouraged this. Paul himself regards Apollos as a trusted colleague (1 Corinthians 3:5-7; 16:12).

(Sections of this study was taken from a study from David Guzik)