

THE BOOK OF ACTS

The Time of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONS TRIP

Acts 18:22-23

²² Paul... went on to Antioch. ²³ After staying there for a while, he left and visited several places...

This is the beginning of his 3rd Missions Trip.



ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS

Acts 18:23

²³ After staying there for a while, he left and visited several places in Galatia and Phrygia. **He helped the followers there to become stronger in their faith.**

As before, Paul made it a point of encouraging those who were already saved!





**God calls us to be
encouragers!**

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER



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1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

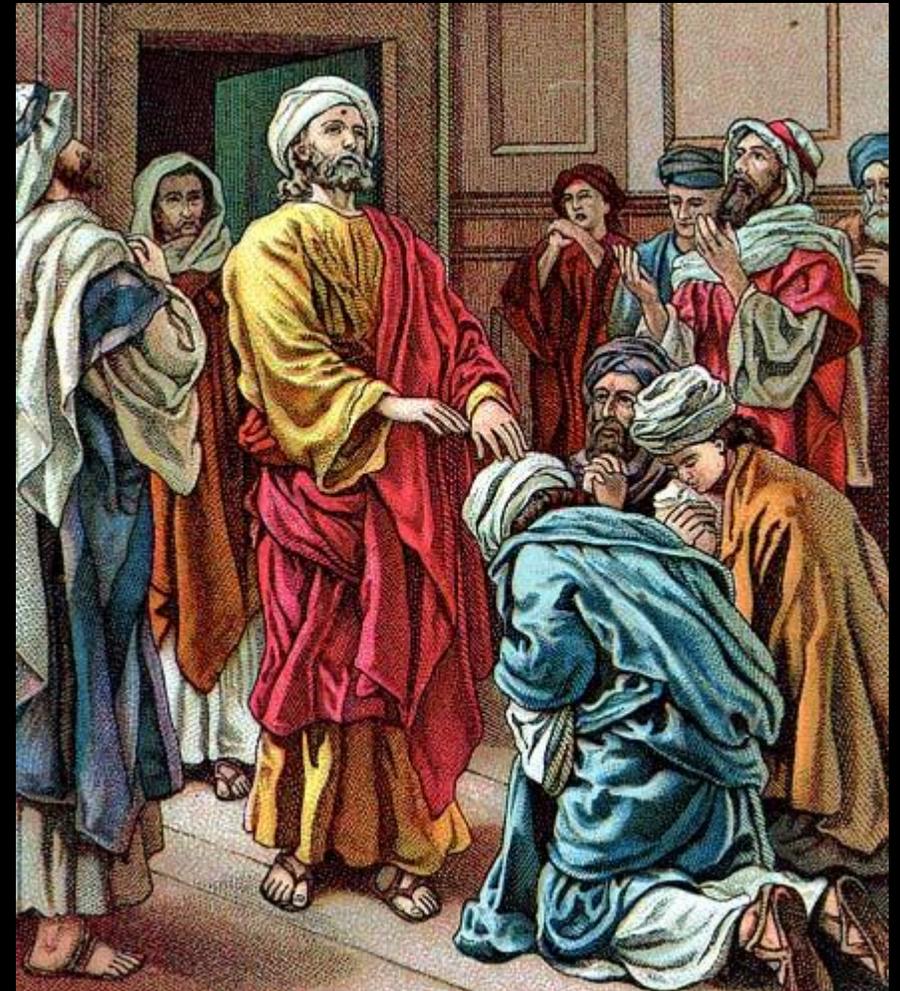
Hebrews 3:13

You must encourage one another each day.

IN EPHESUS

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled across the hill country to Ephesus, where he met some of the Lord's followers. ² He asked them, **“When you put your faith in Jesus, were you given the Holy Spirit?”** “No!” they answered. **“We have never even heard of the Holy Spirit.”**



EXPERIENCE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 19:1-7

³ “Then why were you baptized?” Paul asked. They answered, “Because of what John taught.” ⁴ Paul replied, “John baptized people so that they would turn to God. But he also told them that someone else was coming, and that they should put their faith in him. Jesus is the one that John was talking about.” ⁵ After the people heard Paul say this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.** ⁶ Then Paul placed his hands on them. **The Holy Spirit was given to them, and they spoke unknown languages and prophesied.** ⁷ There were about twelve men in this group.



**God calls us to
experience Him!**

EXPERIENCE GOD



Psalm 34:8
Oh, taste and
see that
the LORD is
good! Blessed
is the man
who takes
refuge in him!

IN MACEDONIA AND GREECE

Acts 20:1-3

When the riot was over, Paul sent for the followers and encouraged them. He then told them good-bye and left for **Macedonia**.² As he traveled from place to place, he **encouraged** the followers with many messages. Finally, he went to **Greece**³ and stayed there for three months.



Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, and Corinth were in these areas.

THERE AND BACK AGAIN

From Greece and Macedonia, heads back and makes his way to Jerusalem.

Acts 20:16

¹⁶ Paul had decided to sail on past Ephesus, because he did not want to spend too much time in Asia. He was in a hurry and wanted to be in Jerusalem in time for Pentecost.



ON THE WAY BACK...



Even on his way back, Paul used every opportunity to expand the Kingdom of God!

In the port city of Troas, he taught all night (20:7-12) and in the port of Miletus (20:13-37) he held a special meeting with the leaders from Ephesus.



**God gives us subtle
opportunities to expand
His Kingdom!**

REMEMBER...



**Encourage
Experience
Expand**