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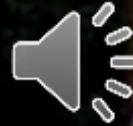
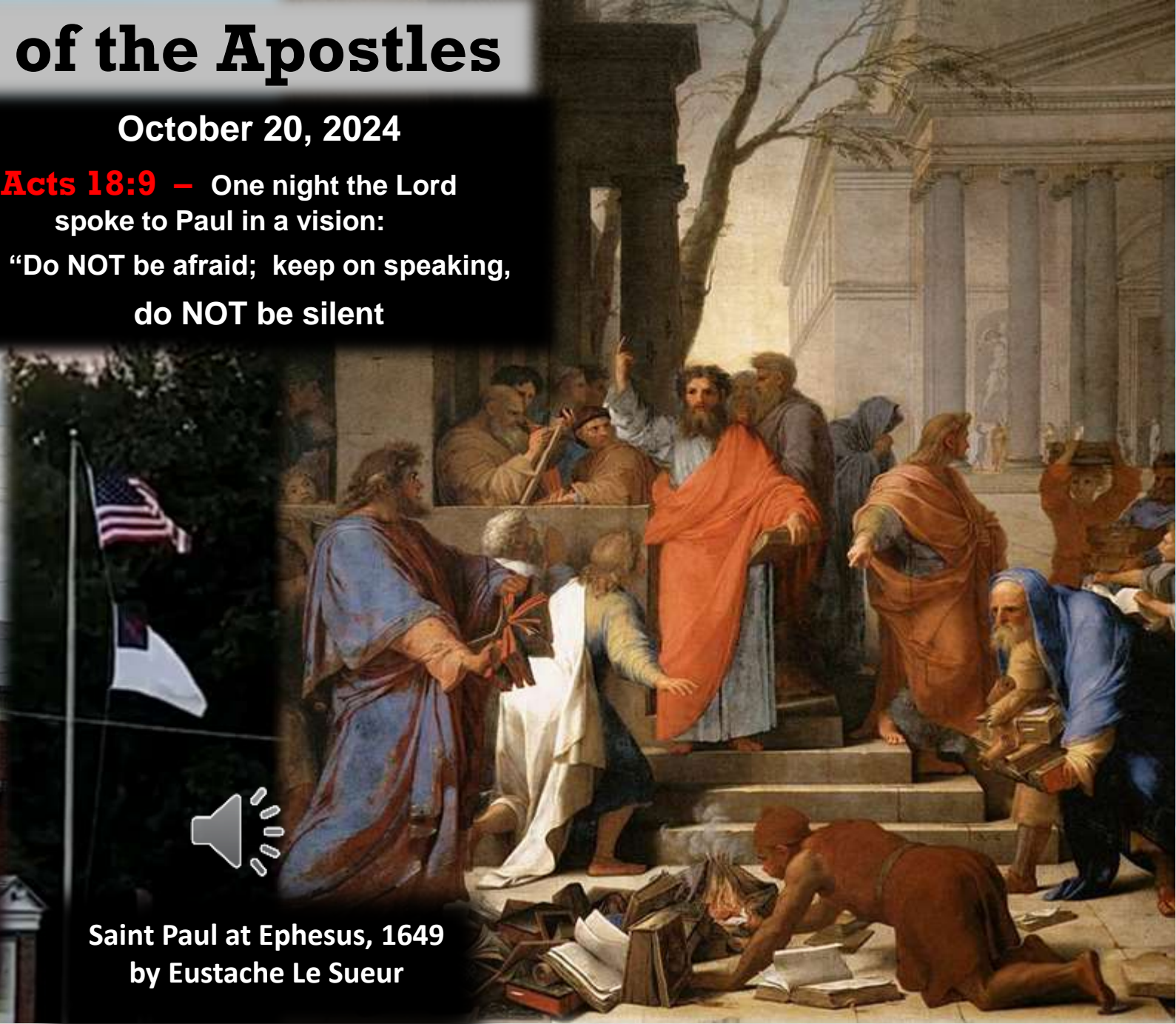
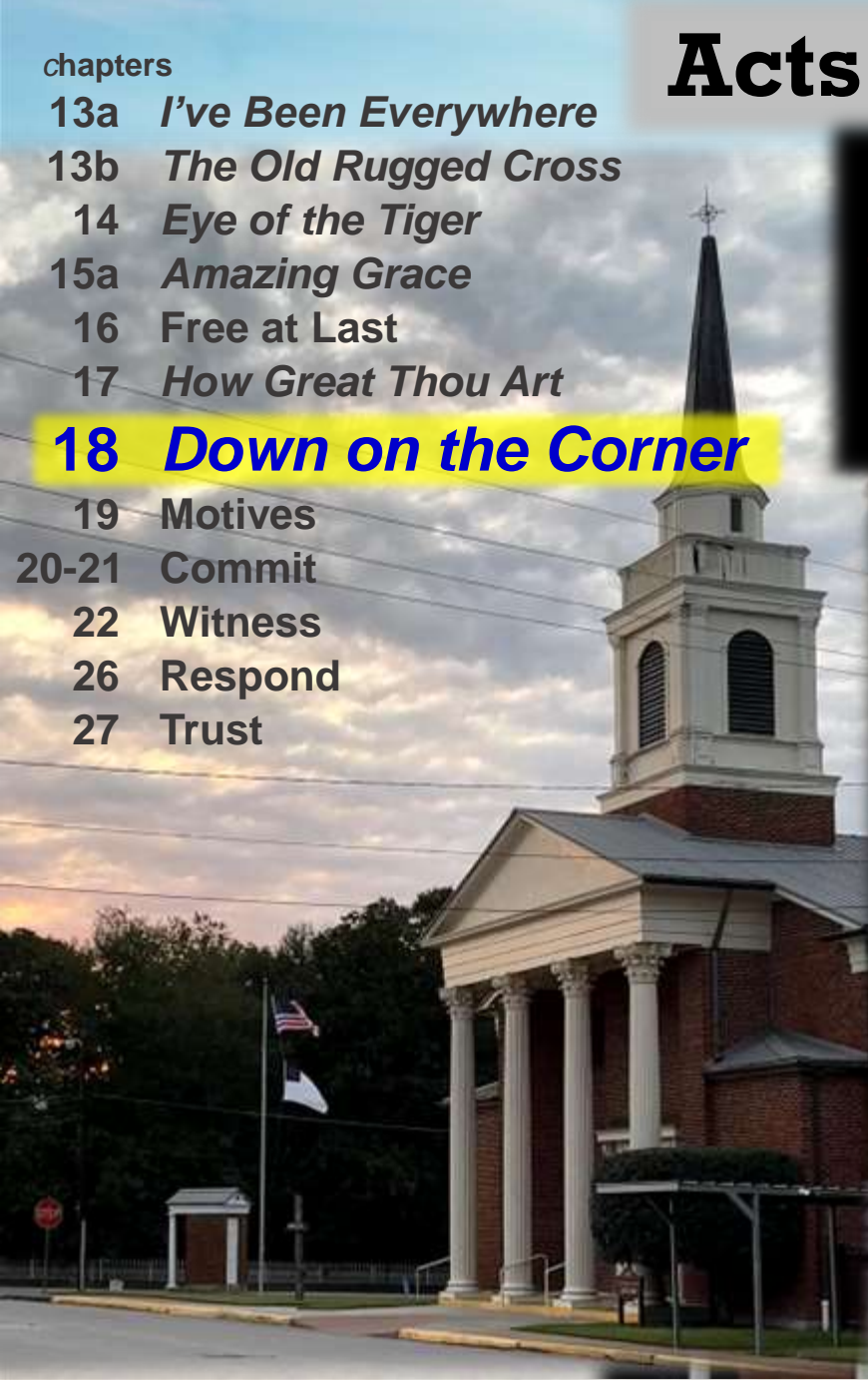
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Acts of the Apostles

October 20, 2024

Acts 18:9 – One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision:

“Do NOT be afraid; keep on speaking,
do NOT be silent



Saint Paul at Ephesus, 1649
by Eustache Le Sueur

Paul's Missionary Journeys

	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Summary</i>
Sept 1	13a	<i>I've Been Everywhere</i>	Paul to Paphos on Cyprus & Sorcerer Elymus
Sept 8	13b	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>	Paul Gains Ear of Whole City of Pisidian Antioch
Sept 15	14	<i>Eye of the Tiger</i>	Paul Beaten in Lystra, Flee to Derbe then <i>RETURN</i>
Sept 22	15a	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem for 1st Church Council
Sept 29	15-16	<i>The Wanderer</i>	Paul, Silas, & Timothy Thru Macedonia to Philippi
Oct 6	16	<i>Free at Last</i>	Paul & Crew to Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Convert Lydia, Paul Frees Slave Girl, Beaten, Jailed, Free to Lydia's Home
Oct 13	17	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Paul & Silas Thessalonica, Berea, Athens' Areopagus
Oct 20	18	<i>Down on the Corner</i>	Paul to Corinth, Meets Aquila & Priscilla, to Ephesus
Oct 27	19	Motives	Paul in Ephesus w Big Miracles – Riot x “The Way”
Nov 3	20-21	Commit	Paul Hunted Thru Greece, Ephesus, to Jerusalem
Nov 10	22-24	Witness	Paul—Roman Citizen, Sanhedrin, to Governor Felix
Nov 17	25-26	Respond	Paul to Festus, Then Paul's Words Impress Agrippa
Nov 24	27-28	Trust	Paul's Storm-Rocking Trip to Rome

Paul comes to the Corinth for almost 2 years ...

**Read 1 Corinthians for more on Paul's fire & Corinth's looseness & needs
And hear Paul's articulate & delicate devotion to helping them**

Book of Acts – the Early Church

1 Intro – Theophilus, Appearances, Ascension

2-12 Peter – Church from Jerusalem to Antioch

2-7 Jerusalem – Peter, John, Ananias & Sapphira, Stephen

8 Samaria – Paul persecutes, Philip, Simon

9 Conversion of Paul

10-12 Conversion of Cornelius, Peter vision of sheets



13-28 Paul – Church from Antioch to Rome

13 – 14 1st Missionary Journey – Saul/Paul & Barnabas

15:1-35 1st Church Council in Jerusalem

15:36 – 18:22 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul

18:23 – 21:16 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul

21:17 – 23 Paul to Jerusalem

24 – 26 Paul to Caesarea ... 27-28 Paul to

You are HERE

End of Paul's
2nd Journey

13:1 – 14:28	Paul's <i>FIRST</i> Missionary Journey
13:1-12	Cyprus
13:13-52	Pisidia Antioch
14:1-7	Iconium
14:8-28	Lystra, Derbe, to Antioch
15:1-35	Jerusalem & First Church Council
15:36 – 18:22	Paul's <i>SECOND</i> Missionary Journey
15:36 – 16:10	Antioch to Troas
16:11-40	Troas to Philippi
17:1-34	Philippi to Thessalonica to Athens
18:1-22	Athens to Corinth – then Home to Antioch
18:23 – 21:16	Paul's <i>THIRD</i> Missionary Journey
18:23 – 19:41	Ephesian Pentecost
20:1 – 21:16	Macedonia to Troas, Athens, Corinth, return
21:17 – 28:31	Paul in Route to & in Rome
21:17 – 23:35	In Jerusalem
24:1 – 26:32	In Caesarea
27:1 – 28:15	Voyage to Rome
28:16-31	Ministry in Rome

Key Verse Acts – 18:9

**One night the Lord
spoke to Paul in a vision:
“Do NOT be afraid;
keep on speaking,
do NOT be silent”**



Acts 18:1-11 – Paul in Corinth almost 2 years – **OUR STUDY**

Acts 18:12-17, Leaders fail in attacking Paul

Talk about Karma! ... table turns on leader

¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes
the synagogue leader and **BEAT** him ...

Acts 18:18-23, Paul sails off with Aquila & Priscilla

Acts 18:19, they arrive in Ephesus & sadly part ways

²¹ As he left, he promised, “I will come back
if it is **God’s will.**” Then he set sail ...

Acts 18:22, Paul to Caesarea in Israel,

then to Jerusalem & to Antioch - **Acts 18:1-22 = 1,250 Miles**

END of Paul’s 2,700-mile 2nd Missionary Journey



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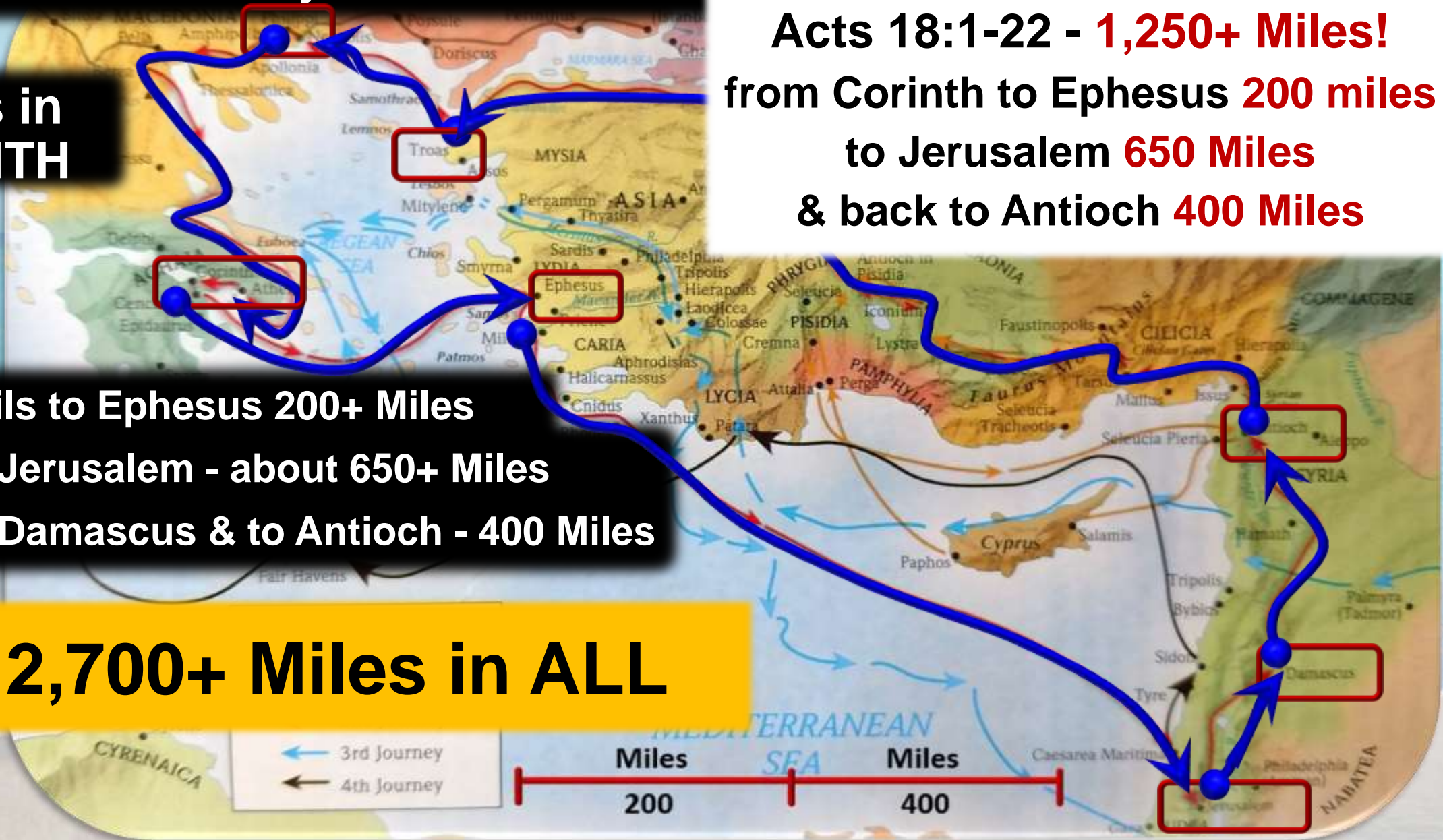
Acts 16 – 18 2nd Journey ... Acts 18 is Last Leg

Paul is in
CORINTH

Acts 18:1-22 - **1,250+ Miles!**
from Corinth to Ephesus **200 miles**
to Jerusalem **650 Miles**
& back to Antioch **400 Miles**

Paul sails to Ephesus **200+ Miles**
Then to Jerusalem - about **650+ Miles**
Then to Damascus & to Antioch - **400 Miles**

2,700+ Miles in ALL



Acts 18:1-4 v 1 After these things *[adventures in Athens]*

Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth;

2-3 And found a certain Jew named Aquila,
born in Pontus, lately come from Italy,
with his wife Priscilla;

because that Claudius *[emperor ruled A.D.41-54]*
had commanded ALL Jews to depart from Rome....

because Paul 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

Obvious Now – Paul has the **GIFT & FIRE** for preaching – anywhere, anytime

L.R. Scarborough (1870-1945) Chair of Evangelism, "Chair of Fire," at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) is currently held by O.S. Hawkin



Apostle Paul, c. 1657
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1969, CCR's song "Down On The Corner" peaked #3 on Billboard chart
It was on their 4th album, and on the 45, the flip side was "Fortunate Son"

This might be a stretch for some of yah ... me too

But can you image Paul ... in Corinth ...

Early in the evenin', just about supper time

you can see Paul ... and, ah, several others ...

Over by the courthouse, they're starting to unwind

Oh, yeah, by the synagogue too ...

FOUR kids on the corner trying to bring you up

Ahhh, Paul, Silas, Timothy, then Aquila & Priscilla

Willy picks a tune out and he blows it on the harp

You get the message ... we're just starting to UNWIND

AND pick out those Street Preachers in Corinth



So then, Acts 18 ... Paul's 1.5+ years
in Corinth ... WITH Aquila & Priscilla

Then they sail together 200 miles to Ephesus

You KNOW ... you know so very well ...

Three WORKED together for about 2 years!
in Corinth, a secular very commercial city

Travel by sea 200 miles together to Ephesus

– Aquila & Priscilla have a home there

They want him to stay ... but Paul has to go

You KNOW they became ... **BFF**

Best Friends Forever



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Prominent Temple to Aphrodite,
goddess of love
on top of Acrocorinth
– High Corinth



Corinth



Corinth
Athens



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– Hill of Corinth

In Paul's day, ships were lifted &
CARRIED across the isthmus

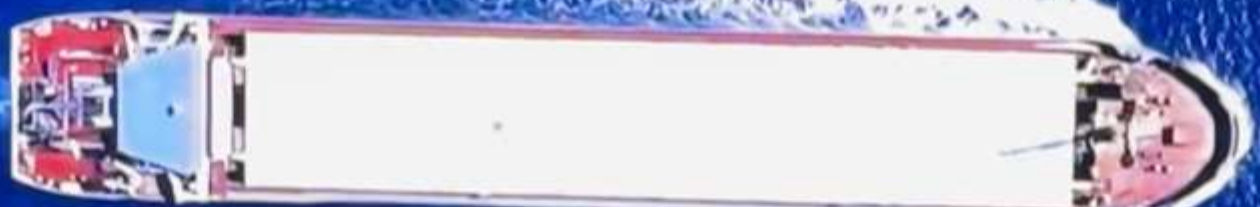
Canal Today



4 Miles Long



Corinth



that same ingenuity appears

on an even greater scale.

25 DAYS OF GETAWAYS

Smithsonian  CHANNEL 175

Paul recalls them **BFF** in Romans 16:3-5

³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila

my helpers in Christ Jesus:

⁴ Who have for my life laid down their
own necks: unto whom not only

I give thanks, but also all
the churches of the Gentiles.

⁵ Likewise *greet* the church that
is in their house.

Paul recalls them **BFF** in 2 Tim 4:19

Salute Priscilla and Aquila, and
the household of Onesiphorus.



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Acts 15-18 through Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey

HARD to even **GUESS** how many times he preaches

At Corinth – Paul settles in for 1.5 years, almost as

as the 2 years & 3 months he stays in Ephesus

Acts 18:1-22 *implies* 100s of messages to the Corinthians

What **IS** a great sermon? Of a 1,000,000+ preachers ...

Charles H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) is known as

“Prince of Preachers” – 63 vols of his Sermons

PLEASE do **NOT** compare “preachers” – do **NOT** do that!!

Do **NOT** say Paul is a “Better” anything than Peter or John

Each has their **PLACE** – their **TIME** – their **MESSAGES**

Still – we want to ask, What **IS** a great sermon?

Paul – **BEST** for Corinth in c. A.D. 48 – What did he **SAY**?



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.

Now in Corinth ... one of the great Roman transit cities

What ... HOW did Paul Preach?

What a catalogue, IF we had them

Maybe a few messages

WERE like Billy Sunday's



Acts 15-18 through Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey

Acts 18:1-22 implies 100s of messages before he leaves

What IS a great sermon? Of a 1,000,000+ preachers ...

One almost universally acclaimed message was by

Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) – so influential & young

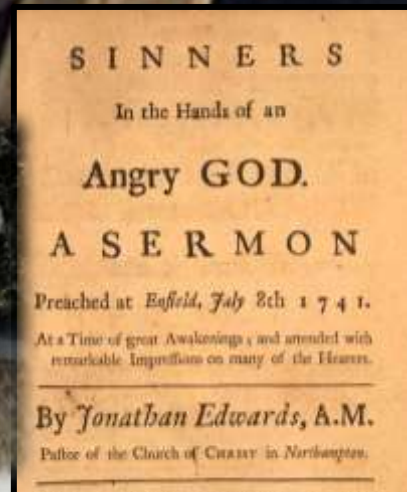
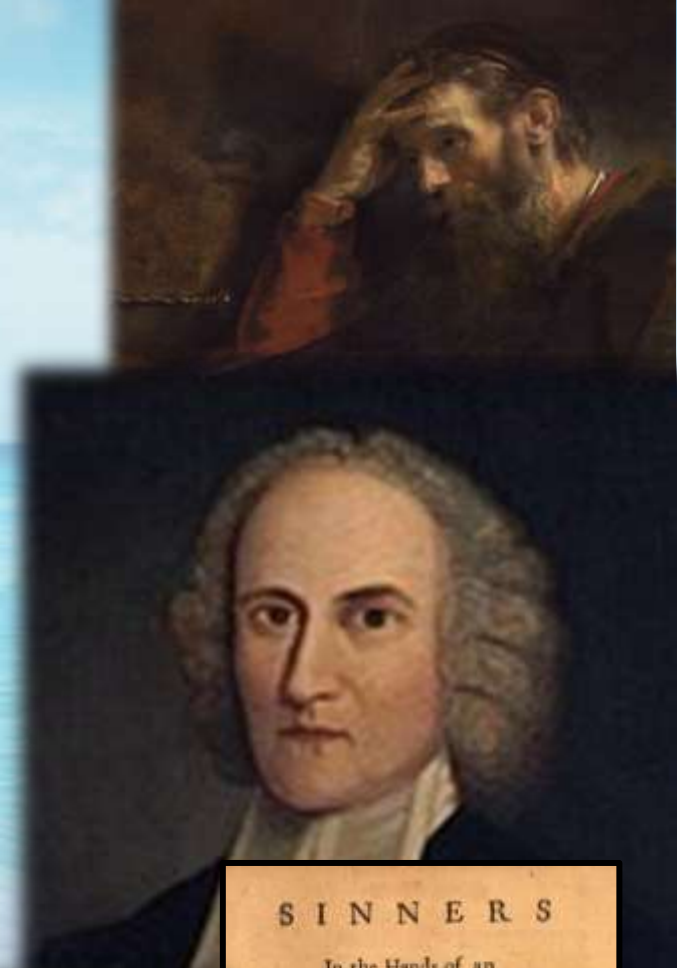
Widely held as one of America's greatest theologians,

**playing a large roll in Frist Great Awakening
swept Britian & 13 Colonies 1730s – 1740s**

His 1741 sermon “Sinners in the Hands of Angry God”

**Mostly 10 “Considerations” on Torments of HELL
to win the Lost to Christ**

**Monument in Enfield, Connecticut for the
place Edward preached it**



Acts 15: 1, 2. Though they dig into Hell, thence shall mine Hand take them; though they climb up to Heaven, thence will I bring them down.

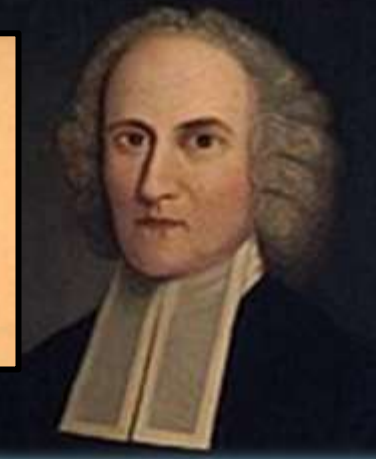
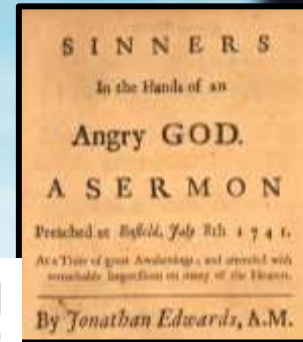
Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) –1741 sermon
“Sinners in the Hands of Angry God”

Not an easy read at the start ... reprinted over 250 years!

See copy here: www.PreciousHeart.net/Edwards-Sinners-1741.pdf >



< See an original 1845 here: [www.Google.com/books/edition/Sinners in the hands of an angry God A S/aBxdAAAACAAJ](http://www.Google.com/books/edition/Sinners_in_the_hands_of_an_angry_God_A_S/aBxdAAAACAAJ)



Said people “clung” to the pews in fear,
many “moaning & crying”

For Example

Wrath of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present;
they increase ... rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given ...

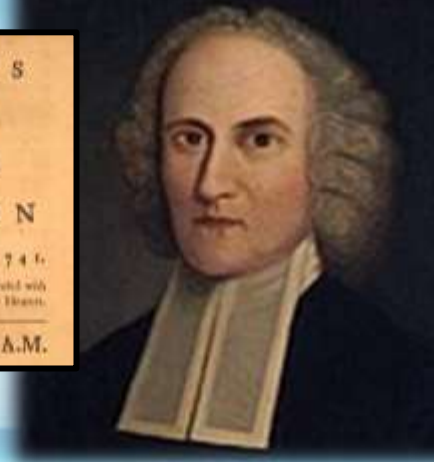
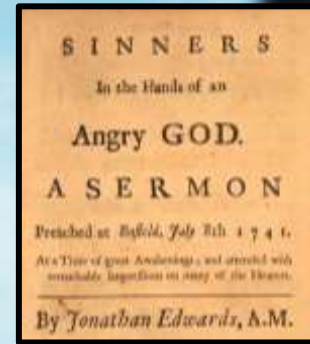
Bow of God’s wrath is bent ... justice bends the arrow at your heart....

The God that holds you over the pit of hell, much as one holds a spider ...
is dreadfully provoked: his wrath towards you burns like fire;

he looks upon you as worthy of nothing else, but to be cast into the fire....

**Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) –1741 sermon
“Sinners in the Hands of Angry God”**

**Said people “clung” to the pews in fear,
many “moaning & crying”**



**He is of purer eyes than to bear to have you in his sight;
you are ten thousand times more abominable in his eyes,
than the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours.
You have offended him infinitely more than ever a stubborn rebel ...
it is nothing but his hand that holds you from falling into the fire every moment.
... nothing else, that you did not go to hell the last night ...
No other reason to be given, why you have not dropped into hell
since you arose in the morning,
but that God’s hand has held you up.**

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.

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 go to the Gentiles.”

7 Paul goes next door to Titius Justus....

8 Crispus, the synagogue leader, & his entire household believed in the Lord; many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed & were baptized.

Corinth – city with 250k citizens & 400k slaves ... 12 temples

Temples to Apollo: god of archery, music, oracles – Asclepius: god of healing

Most prominent Temple to Aphrodite, goddess of love, served by 2,000 prostitutes



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NARRATOR
According to Strabo, the Temple of Aphrodite contributed greatly to Corinth's wealth.

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Paul WILL find an audience ... everywhere he goes!

Down on the corner, out in the street

Willy and the Poor Boys are playin'

Bring a nickel, tap your feet

We don't know the kind of **STREET PREACHER** that was Paul

We don't know if Paul had a band—*probably, certainly NOT*

We **DO KNOW** is that Paul's Preaching

Captivated ... the Poor & many Rich Intellectuals

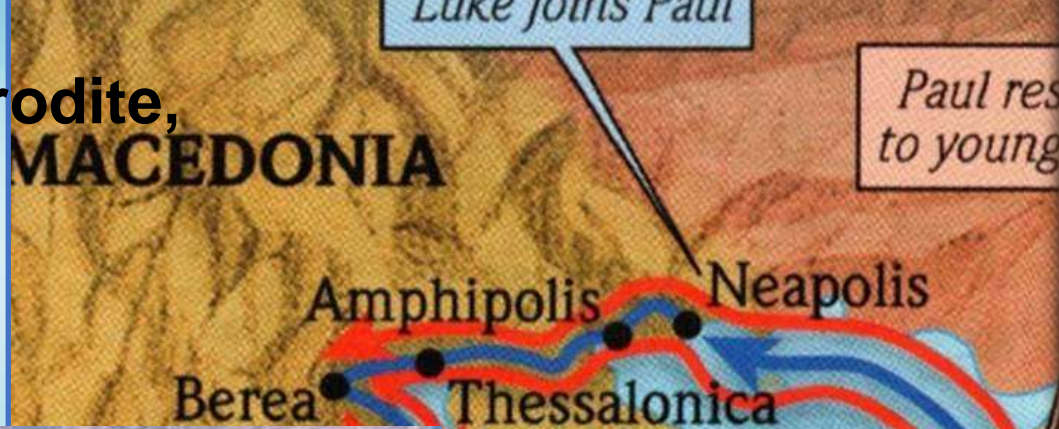
Threatened ... the establishment

Confused ... the theologically arrogant

Comforted ... the Followers of **The Way & God-Fearers**



Prominent Temple to Aphrodite,
goddess of love
on top of Acrocorinth
– High Corinth



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What did Paul Preach? 1 Corinthians written near end of his 2.3 years in Ephesus on his 3rd Missionary Journey

Never forget 2 Corinthians 11 – his outline of his multiple hardships, beatings, v 23 “exposed to death again & again”

Talk about your **DREAMERS!**

Paul has a **WONDERFUL Dream**

How GOOD it would be to get these kinds of dreams or visions from time to time

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Now as Paul preaches on the STREET & in the Synagogue

Rooster hits the washboard,
and people just got to smile

Can you Silas working the crowd ...

Blinky thumps the gut bass
and solos for a while

Timothy nodding, pats a few on the back when Paul lifts his **FIST**

Poor boy twangs the rhythm
out on his Kalamazoo

Willy goes into a dance
and doubles on kazoo

Look there—Aquila & Priscilla are working the couples ...

They had sold some NETS to several just last week!



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 & a HALF, teaching them the word of God.

What did Paul Preach there ...

Though 1 Corinthians is scathing – doubtlessly Paul likely preached something like 1 Cor 2:7-9

1 Cor 2:7 We declare God’s WISDOM, a mystery ... hidden that God destined for our glory before time began....

Then Paul quotes Isaiah 64:4

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” —

things God has prepared for those who *LOVE Him*—



ahhhh

What’s Your
Message?