

## **Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos**

Acts 18

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Paul went to Corinth where he worked as a tentmaker along with Aquila and Priscilla. After Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul spent all his time trying to convince the Jews in Corinth that Jesus is the Messiah. When they rejected his message, he took it to the Gentiles. Many people, both Jews and Gentiles, believed and were baptized, including the leader of the synagogue.

The Lord told Paul, "Don't be afraid. Speak on. I am with you. I will not allow you to be harmed."

Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching the word of God. When a new governor came to power, some Jews rose up against Paul and brought him before the governor saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to our Law."

The governor replied, "I'm here to deal with serious crimes. I couldn't care less about your Jewish Law. Take care of it yourselves." And he threw them out. Even when the crowd beat the leader of the synagogue right there in the courtroom, he paid no attention.

When Paul left Corinth he took Aquila and Priscilla with him. They sailed to Ephesus in Asia Minor. Aquila and Priscilla stayed in Ephesus while Paul continued on to Jerusalem and then to Syrian Antioch. From there he went to Galatia and Phrygia to encourage fellow believers.

With some help from Aquila and Priscilla, an eloquent and enthusiastic speaker named Apollos left Ephesus and went from place to place meeting other Jews in public debate. Using the scriptures, he explained to them that Jesus is the Messiah.