

## God's Encouragement (#38)

Acts 18:1-17  
June 7, 2009

## Paul in Corinth

- Arrival in Corinth
- Paul's co-workers

## *Timothy Sent to Thessalonica*

"<sup>1</sup>Therefore when we could endure *it* no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, <sup>2</sup>and **we sent Timothy**, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith."  
(1 Thes. 3:1-2)

## *Timothy Comes to Corinth*

"<sup>6</sup>But now that **Timothy has come to us from you**, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, <sup>7</sup>for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;" (1 Thes. 6-7)

## *1 and 2 Thessalonians*

"Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace." (1 Thes. 1:1)

## Reasons for Discouragement

- Difficulties in previous cities
- Meager results in Athens
- Paul was alone (initially)
- Lack of funds
- Rejection at the synagogue
- Looming trouble

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- New co-workers vs. 2-3
- Arrival of Silas and Timothy v. 5
- Financial help v. 5

## *Help from Macedonia*

"<sup>8</sup>I robbed other churches by taking wages *from them* to serve you; <sup>9</sup>and when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone; for when **the brethren came from Macedonia** they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so." (2 Cor. 11:8-9)

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- New co-workers
- Arrival of Silas and Timothy
- Financial help
- God's blessing on his ministry
- God's assurance of protection
- Gallio's favorable verdict

## What about us?

Would you want Paul's life?

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## Additional Information

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