

Paul's Ministry in Corinth

Lesson 1: June 27 – July 3, 2026

The verses listed, except where noted, are in the American Standard Version (ASV).

Memory Text: **"One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people' "** (Acts 18:9, 10, NRSV).

Sabbath Afternoon

Acts 18:1–3

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1 Cor 2:2

2For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Sunday Paul, a God Called Apostle of Jesus

1 Cor 1:1

1Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

2 Cor 1:1

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Achaia:

Romans 1:1

1Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Gal 1:1

1Paul, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead),

Gal 1:10

10For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

Gal 1:15

15But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace,

Jer 1:5

5Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations.

1 Cor 15:5–7

5and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; 6then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep; 7then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles;

1 Corinthians 15:8

8and last of all, as to the child untimely born, he appeared to me also.

1 Cor 15:9–11

9For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11Whether then it be I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

Titus 1:1

1Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

1 Tim 2:7

7whereunto I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Tim 1:11

11whereunto I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher.

Monday From Athens to Corinth**Acts 17:1–2**

1Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures,

Acts 17:13–15

13But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Berea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up and troubling the multitudes. 14And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy abode there still. 15But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

Acts 17:16–34

16Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld the city full of idols. 17So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with them that met him. 18And certain also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babbler say? others, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached Jesus and the resurrection. 19And they took hold of him, and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee? 20For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21(Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.) 22And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are very religious. 23For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you. 24The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; 27that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: 28for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said,
For we are also his offspring.

29Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man. 30The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: 31inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. 33Thus Paul went out from among them. 34But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 18:1–11

1After these things he departed from Athens, and came to Corinth. 2And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them; 3and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers. 4And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 6And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. 7And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. 9And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: 10for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. 11And he dwelt there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Rom 1:16

16For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Acts 13:46

46And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

Acts 1:8

8But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1 Cor 2:2

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Tuesday The City of Corinth

Acts 18:1–3

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1 Corinthians 5:9–11

9I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; 10not at all meaning with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: 11but as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat.

1 Corinthians 8:4

4Concerning therefore the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no God but one.

1 Cor 8:5

5For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there are gods many, and lords many;

Wednesday “Many in This City”**Acts 18:4–8**

4And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 6And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. 7And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Acts 18:9–10

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Isa 55:11

11so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 41:10

10fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

1 Cor 2:3

3And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

Thursday Paul's Letters to the Corinthians**1 Corinthians 1:11–13**

11For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them that are of the household of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul?

1 Corinthians 4:14

14I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

1 Cor 5:9

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1 Corinthians 5:11

11but as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat.

1 Corinthians 7:1

1Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

1 Corinthians 14:37, 40

37If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord.

40But let all things be done decently and in order.

2 Corinthians 1:12

12For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2 Cor 2:3-4, 9

3And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. 4For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

9For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things.

2 Corinthians 11:3

3But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:10

10For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

1 Cor 16:5-9

5But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Macedonia; for I pass through Macedonia; 6but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that ye may set me forward on my journey whithersoever I go. 7For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. 8But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost; 9for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

2 Cor 10:9

9that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

2 Cor 7:8

8For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it: though I did regret it (for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season),

Friday Further Thought**John 17:11, 15**

11And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are.

15I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one.

1 **John 2:16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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