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#### Acts 17

- \* The Gospel message will always yield a combination of acceptance and rejection.
- We should not let challenges of the past deter us from the opportunities of the present.
- It is okay to tailor the Gospel message for different audiences.
- \* But we must focus on Jesus and the resurrection.



- \* God intervenes to keep us in his will.
- \* God communicates to his people through dreams and visions.
- \* God is sovereign over salvation.

### Acts 16 about us:

- Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.
- \* We oppose things destructive to the well-being of others.
- « We remain faithful despite setbacks.
- \* We embrace diversity.
- We practice hospitality.
- Our rights < gospel mission.</li>

## Acts 15:1-16:5

- \* Salvation comes through faith in Jesus.
- Wise decisions come from the Holy Spirit, Scripture, experience and counsel.
- \* There is no "us vs. them" in the Kingdom of God.
- \* God can use conflict to produce growth.
- \* Individual rights of disciples < Gospel mission.</p>

#### Acts 14

- \* The gospel message faces opposition.
- \* God has the power to heal.
- Paul adapted his message for different audiences.
- \* God reveals himself through nature.
- In this world you will have trouble.
- \* The early churches were led by elders.



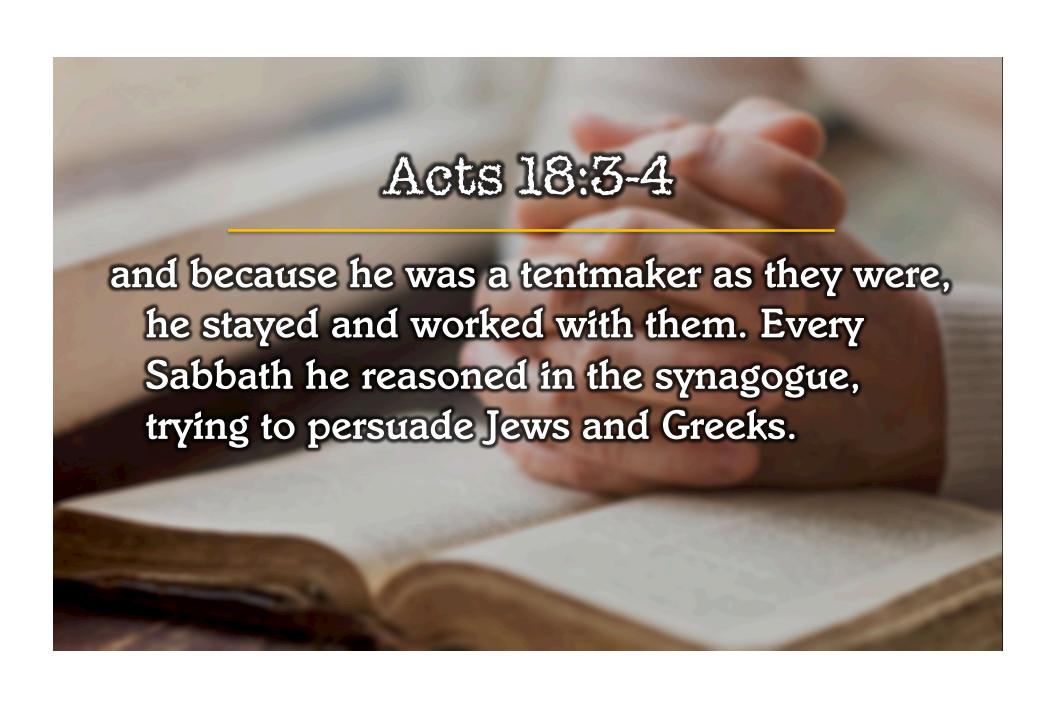
- \* Rejecting the Messiah leads to judgment.
- \* Salvation = election and belief.
- \* Opposition is not a sign of failure.
- « Obstacles can become opportunities.



- The family of God > ethnicity/social class.
- \* The work of the church is often done in teams.
- \* Beware of the occult.
- The people of God seek him through fasting, prayer and worship.

## Acts 18:1-2

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them,





### Acts 18:5-6

When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. 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 will go to the Gentiles."



### Acts 18:7-8

Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

# Acts 18:9-11

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

# God's Sovereignty in Salvation

- \* Acts 2:23
- \* Acts 2:39
- \* Acts 2:47
- \* Acts 3:18
- \* Acts 4:27-28
- \* Acts 5:31

- \* Acts 11:18
- \* Acts 13:48
- \* Acts 15:8-9
- \* Acts 16:14
- \* Acts 18:10

# Acts 18:12-13

While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment. "This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law."



Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you.

# Acts 18:15-17

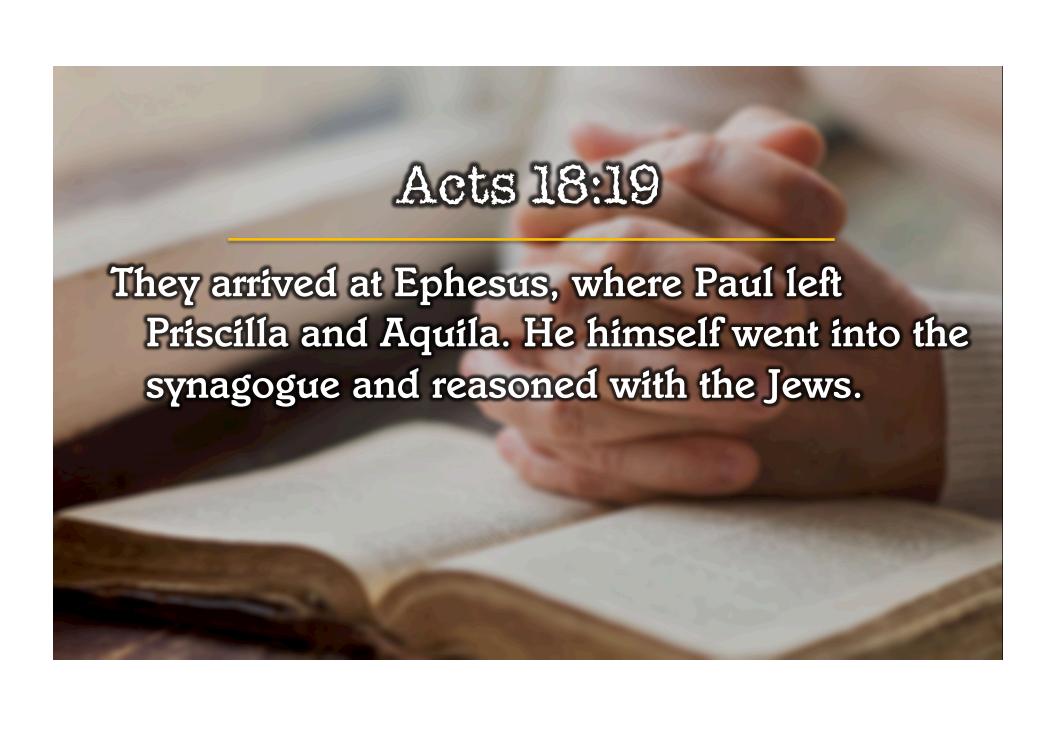
But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law — settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things." So he drove them off. Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.

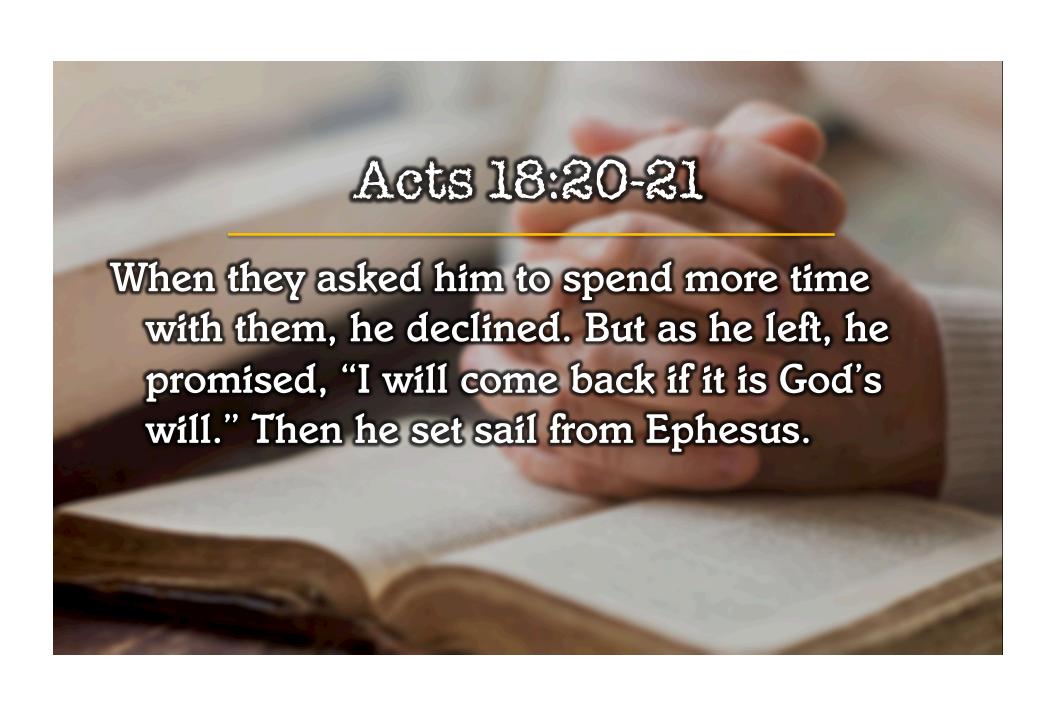




Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time.

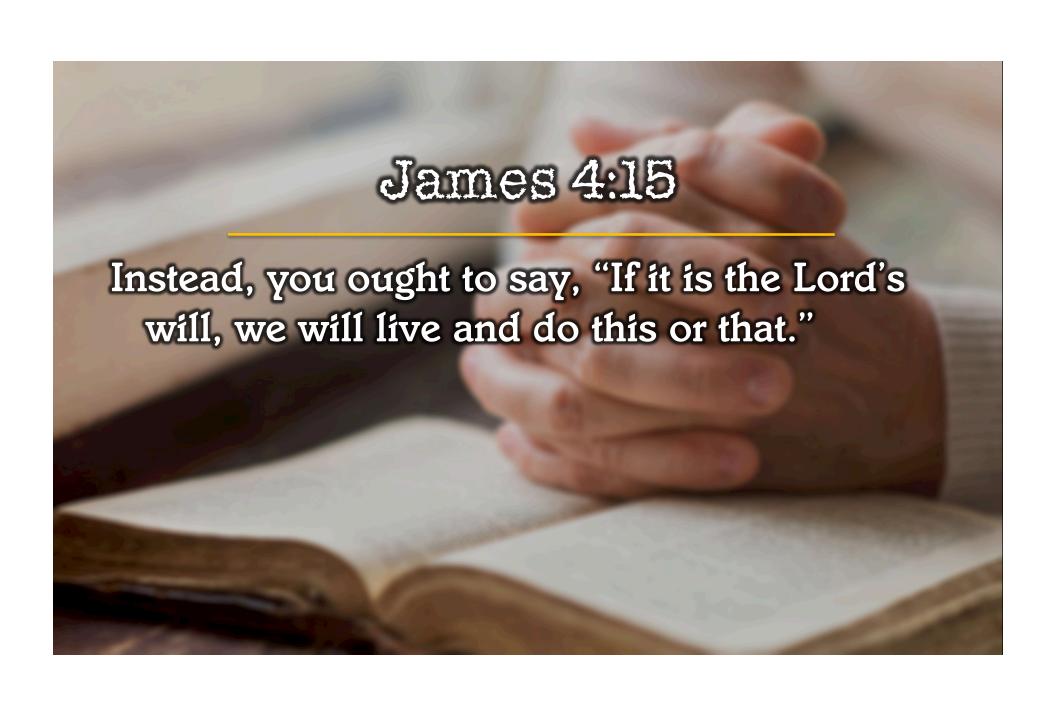
Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken.















#### Acts 18:22-23

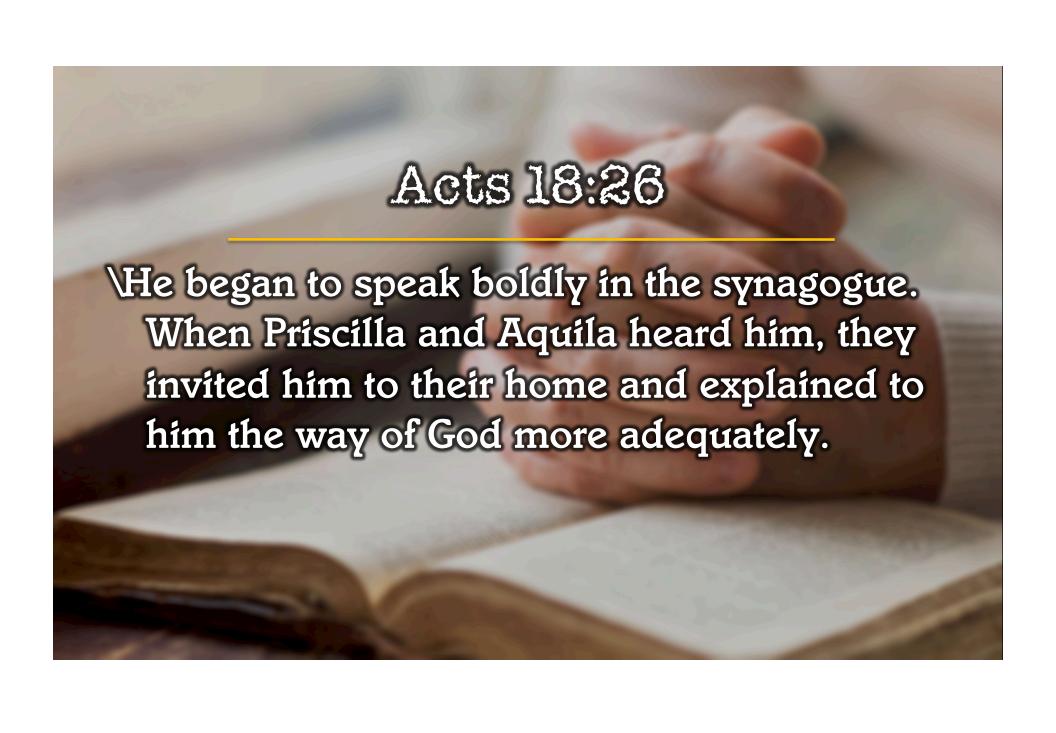
When he landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch. After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

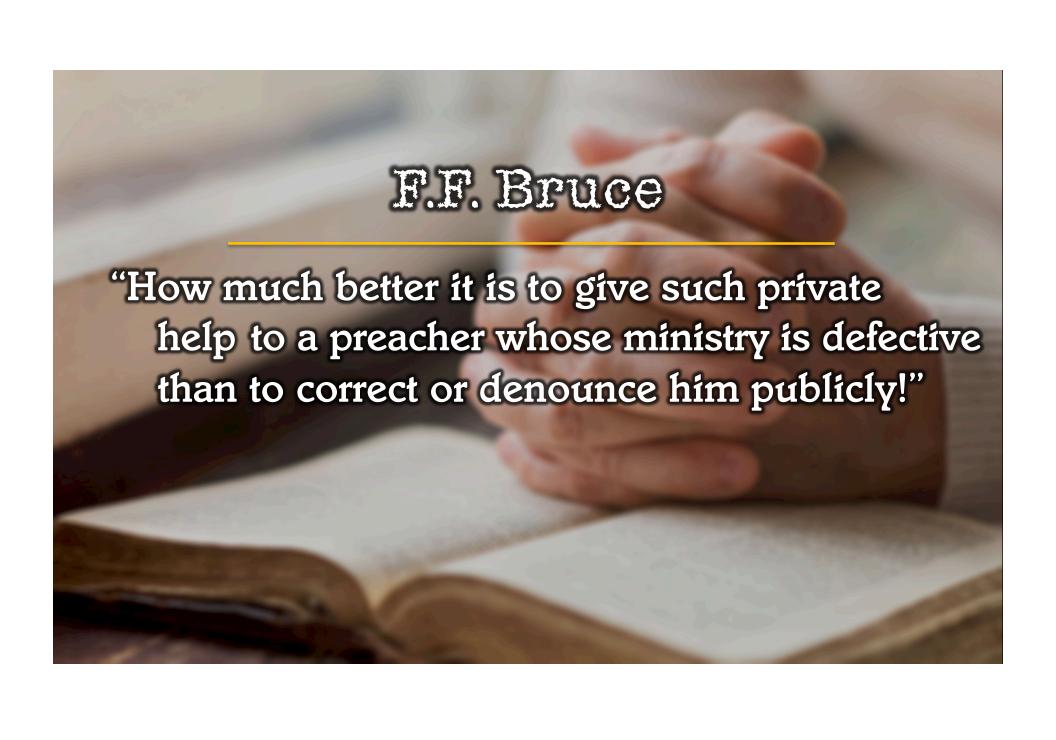
### Acts 18:24-25

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John.



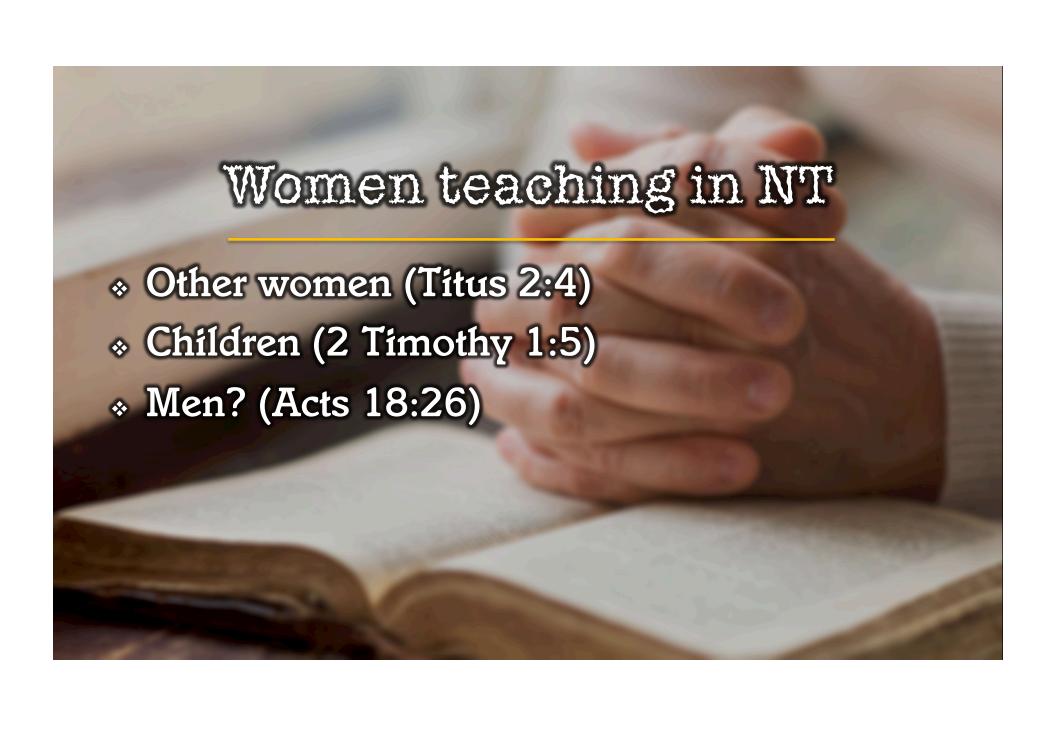
- \* Intelligent
- \* Thorough knowledge of Scripture
- \* Received instruction about Christ
- \* Taught accurately about Jesus
- Somehow deficient in his understanding





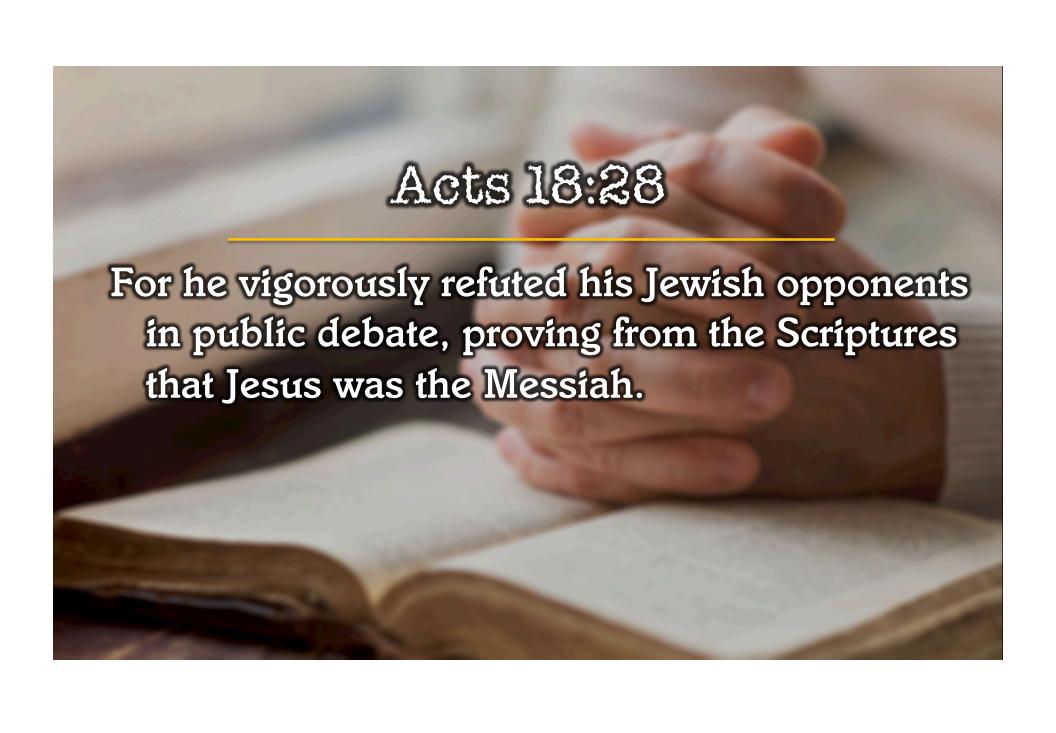


A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.



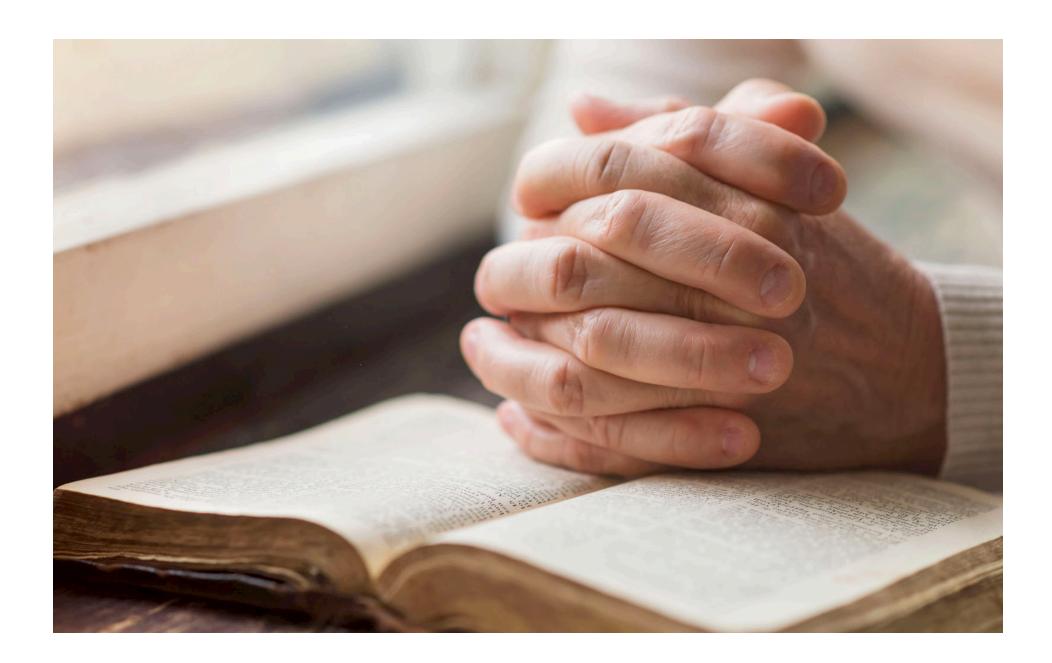


When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.





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# Are you being called?

- \* To receive Christ
- To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- \* To pray / to receive prayer
- \* To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- \* To receive the LORD's Supper