



Acts 18:1-17 / I Corinthians 1:1-3

**Sermon #1
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Introduction

The Church

- The church at Corinth had grown large. (Acts 18:11)
- The church at Corinth had gone off course.
- The church at Corinth struggled with the same issues that we struggle with.

Corinth

- location
 - southern Greece
 - on an isthmus
- crossroads
- the Isthmian Games
- cosmopolitan
- religion
 - the temple of Aphrodite
 - the temple of Apollo

- sexual immorality

Paul

- Paul walked into this city.
- Paul came to sow the seeds of the gospel in this city.
- Paul came with weakness, fear and trembling
(I Corinthians 2:3)
- Paul came into this city with a strategy.

Live in the culture

Preach the Word

Establish the church.

Acts 18

“After this...” (Acts 18:1-17 II Corinthians 11:24-28)

God showed His gracious control to Paul.

Aquila and Priscilla
(Acts 18:2)

Silas and Timothy
(Acts 18:5)

success in the midst of opposition
(Acts 18:6-8,17; I Corinthians 1:1)

a vision to encourage
(Acts 18:9-10)

Paul stayed for 1½ years.
(Acts 18:11)