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week 3: Gospel CONFIDENCE

Acts 18:1-11 (ESV)

¹ After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³ and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. ⁶ And when they opposed and reviled him, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ And he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. His house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." ¹¹ And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The storyline:

Paul visits _____ - a busy commercial center and notoriously wicked city.

There, he settles with some _____ from Rome and begins to go to work with them to support his _____ calling.

Paul recognized his God-given _____ to get the Good News to the lost people of the city.

He knew that he had a responsibility as a spiritual "_____".
(See: Ezekiel 33:3-6)

He also knew he was free of further obligation because they _____ the Gospel and he had been _____.

In spite of opposition, God was _____ and _____ people!

However, the _____ to Paul were real so he plans to leave Corinth.

But God had other plans. He visits Paul in a dream and _____
him to ...

_____ and instead trust fully in His
_____ and _____

And _____ the Good News and trust in His
_____ and _____

God told Paul: "I have many in this city who are my people."

What did He mean?

Jesus came to redeem a certain people _____ by God.
(John 10:16, 11:52, 17:6)

God was at work among the _____ to save them.
(Acts 15:12-18)

The intersection of Paul's _____ and God's _____
would result in the salvation of many.
(Acts 13:44-48, Romans 8:29-30, 9:25-26, 10:14-17)

Note what Paul *didn't* say in response:

Note what Paul *did*:

This _____ from God was the reason he _____ in Corinth
for 1½ years and he _____ the Good News fearlessly. God honored
that faithfulness and many were saved and a church was born.

4 encouragements I can take from this text:

No one and no situation is _____.

My obedience is never _____.

Because God is sovereign in salvation, I can be _____ to share.

My responsibility is to be _____. The remaining responsibility is
on those who hear and on God.