



GOSPEL IMPACT

WHEN IT SORTS OUT RELATIONSHIPS

ACTS 18:1-8

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1. Make _____ (vv.1-3; 7-8)

2. Always _____ (vv.4-5)

3. Let _____ (v.6)

Acts 18:1 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. (ESV)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others

1. Read **Colossians 4:7-18**. What do you observe about Paul and his personal relationships from reading and pondering this closing section of his letter to the Colossian church?
2. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** and **Proverbs 27:17**. In what ways do good, solid, godly Christian friends help you live the Christian life?
3. Read **Psalms 1:1**; **Proverbs 13:20** and **1 Corinthians 15:33**. How would you counsel a Christian who knows his companions are pulling him away from his devotion to Christ, but it would be hard to back out of the friendships?
4. Read **Matthew 5:13-16** and **Ephesians 5:11-14**. What steps can you take to make sure your actions and words are doing a better job of pointing people to Christ and ensuring you are not a neutral effect on their souls?
5. Read **Luke 12:51-53**. As difficult as this reality is, why would you say it is important to consider the potential of Christ and your commitment to him coming between you and someone you now see as a close friend?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 21-33 – **Family & Friends**
- Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Growing Family**
- Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivaled Fellowship of God's Church**
- Msg. 19-20 – **Betrayed**
- Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**
- Msg. 21-25 – **Saul: A New Family**
- Msg. 16-22 – 16-24 – **Christian Friendship** (a three-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

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| Feb. 19 th | Num. 1-2 & Mk. 3:1-21 |
| Feb. 20 th | Num. 3-4 & Mk. 3:22-35 |
| Feb. 21 st | Num. 5-6 & Mk. 4:1-20 |
| Feb. 22 nd | Num. 7 & Mk. 4:21-41 |
| Feb. 23 rd | Num. 8-10 & Mk. 5:1-20 |
| Feb. 24 th | Num. 11-13 & Mk. 5:21-43 |
| Feb. 25 th | Num. 14-15 & Mk. 6:1-32 |
| Feb. 26 th | Num. 16-17 & Mk. 6:33-56 |

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Carmichael, Liz. **Friendship: Interpreting Christian Love**. T&T Clark, 2004.
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- Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.
- Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.
- Gorman, Julie. **Community that Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.
- Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.
- Mohler, Albert. **We Cannot Be Silent: Speaking Truth to a Culture**. Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2015.
- Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.
- Stonestreet, John and Brett Kunkle. **A Practical Guide to Culture: Helping the Next Generation**. David C. Cook, 2017.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
- Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.
- Wilkins, Steve. **Face to Face: Meditations on Friendship and Hospitality**. Canon Press, 2002.