

# **WELCOME!**

## **Friday Men's Breakfast**

**April 16, 2021**

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**#13 – Missionary Journey #2: Corinth**

***Acts 18:1-17***

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## Corinth:

- 50 miles west of Athens.
- Largest city in Ancient Greece.
- Significant trade center (isthmus)
- Culturally diverse and religiously perverse.

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“The city was infamous for its immorality that issued from two sources: its numerous transients and its temple to Aphrodite. Aphrodite was the Greek goddess of love, and here devotees promoted immorality in the name of religion. Her temple, which boasted 1,000 religious prostitutes, stood on the Acrocorinth, a 1,857-foot flat-topped mountain just outside the city. It is easy to understand why sexual problems plagued the Corinthian church.”

- Tom Constable



# Temple of Aphrodite - Acrocorinth





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I thank God that I baptized none of you except **Crispus** and Gaius.

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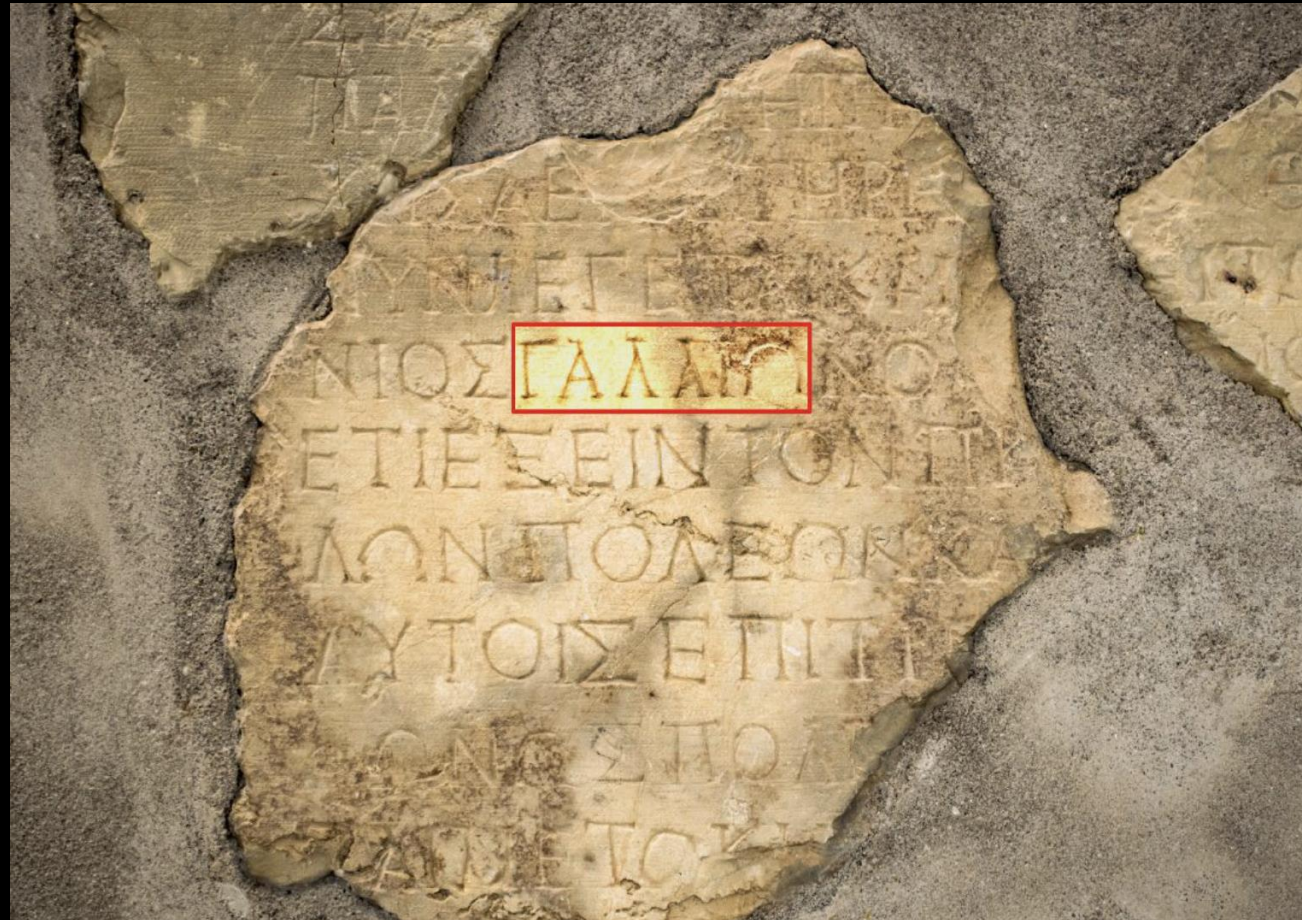
“Paul knew that God already had people set apart for salvation, he stayed where he was and preached the Gospel with faith and courage. Paul’s responsibility was to obey the commission; God’s responsibility was to save sinners.”

- Warren Wiersbe

# Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:1-17)

- 1) Recruitment (18:1-4)
- 2) Reassurance (18:5-11)
- 3) Retribution (18:12-17)

# The Gallio Inscription - Delphi



**Lucius Junius Gallio, Proconsul A.D. July 1, 51 – July 1, 52**



# Application for Acts 18:1-17

**1) God provides for His people.**

## **Romans 16:3-4**

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.

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- 1) God provides for His people.
- 2) God keeps His promises.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:24

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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- 1) God provides for His people.
- 2) God keeps His promises.
- 3) God works His purposes.

## Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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# Discussion Questions

- 1) What promises has God made to you as a Christian?  
Do you believe He will be faithful?
- 2) Share about some unexpected ways that you have seen God work His purposes?

Next Week (April 23<sup>rd</sup>):

Missionary Journey #3 – Ephesus, Part 1



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