

# 2024 - Family Devo

## Aug 18 - a



### READ: Acts 18:18-23

**Main Idea:** Paul leaves Corinth and travels with Priscilla and Aquila to Ephesus. He talked with the Jews there in their Synagogue and they wanted him to stay longer. Paul felt he needed to continue traveling to other towns which he did. But as he left them, he said, "I will return to you if God wills."

### DISCUSS

**Children:** "If the Lord wills, we will" means that life and future events are ultimately in the hands of God. It expresses the idea that while we can make plans, it is God's will that determines whether those plans will come to be and whether we will continue to live and be able to carry out those plans.

**Teen:** Did God have plans for Paul? Paul's willingness to travel and share the word of God saved many. So, why could Paul not stay?

**Adult:** It is great that Paul traveled about, "strengthening all the disciples." As you look back on your Christian life, have you had times where you felt you needed strengthening? Where did you go to look for that knowledge and encouragement? If someone came to you in that place, needing strength, what would you tell them? Do you have a favorite scripture that encourages you in the tough times?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Isaiah 26:3 (ESV)**  
**You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.**

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### READ: Acts 18:24-28

**Main Idea:** While Paul has traveled further we read about something that happened in Ephesus. A Jew named Apollos from Alexandria comes and is teaching about Jesus. He knows a lot about the scriptures and is teaching well but he's missing something important. He only knew about the baptism of John. This means he didn't know about how people were supposed to be baptized into Christ. Priscilla and Aquila did know about this and they taught Apollos this missing necessary information. Notice, however, that they took him aside privately to do so.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** Telling someone they are wrong in front of other people can be a sensitive issue. It's not wrong to correct someone, but the way you do it can have very bad results. Publicly correcting someone can embarrass them or make them feel disrespected. It's nicer to address mistakes or disagreements privately.

**Teen:** Will you ever know everything about the word of God? If you are not willing to listen to instruction could you miss growing in wisdom and knowledge of the Lord? Apollos was instructed in private but refuted the Jews in public. What is the difference in the two, and why should we do the same?

**Adult:** The next two lessons talk about religious people who needed a better understanding. Do you think this is more or less prevalent today than in the first century? What do you think causes it? Do you think this goes back to the fact that many people rely on someone else to tell them what the Bible says, rather than study for themselves? Are there other reasons? What contributes to the religious error in our world today?

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