**Word-Confidence
Acts 18:1-22 (page 794)**

**Main Truth**
Believers are to grow in Word-Confidence

**Structure Thoughts**

**1After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.  2And 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, 3and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.  4And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.**

**5When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.  6And 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.”  7And 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.  8Crispus, 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.**

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

**12But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, 13saying, “This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law.”  14But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint.  15But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.”  16And he drove them from the tribunal.  17And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.**

**18After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow.  19And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.  20When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined.  21But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills,” and he set sail from Ephesus. 22When he landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and then went down to Antioch.**

**Take Home Question:**

***Where am I lacking Word-Confidence?***

**Themes in Acts:** Witness, Growing Church, Glory of God, Filling of the Holy Spirit, Boldness, Prayer, Persecution