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Acts of God #67

Acts 18:12-22

But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgement seat, saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

Acts 18:12-13

But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;

Acts 18:14

but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters." And he drove them away from the judgment seat.

Acts 18:15-16

And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and began beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

Acts 18:17

Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a VOW.

Acts 18:18

They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

Acts 18:19

When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:20-21

When he had landed at
Caesarea, he went up and
greeted the church, and went
down to Antioch.

Acts 18:22

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A person stands on the peak of a grassy cliff, silhouetted against a bright sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the water below is a deep blue-green. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

NOW
THE LORD SPOKE TO PAUL
IN THE NIGHT BY A VISION,

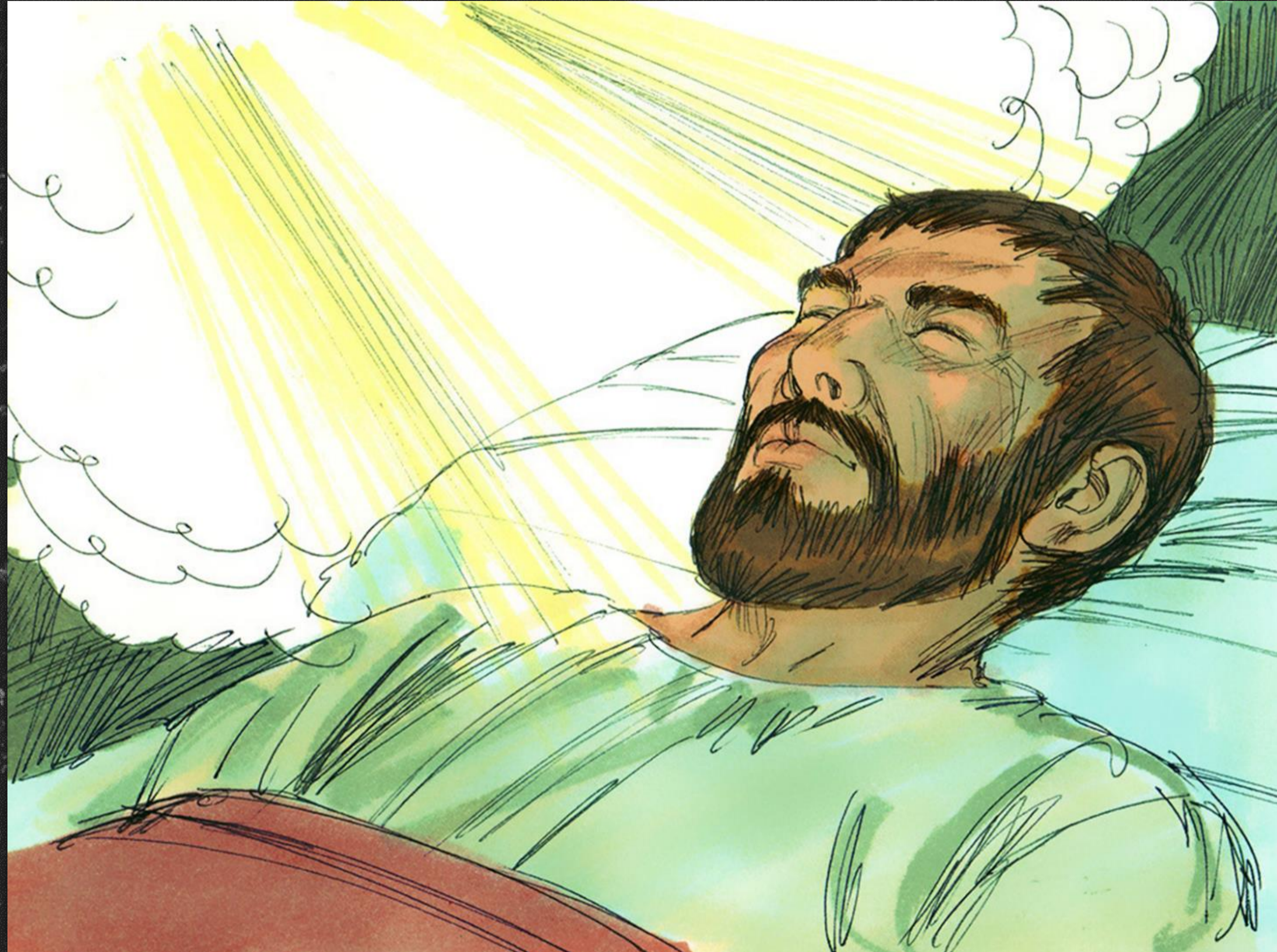
“Do not be afraid,
but speak,
& do not
keep silent;
for
I am with you.”

ACTS 18:9&10a NKJV

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1. God's Promised Will [12-17]



a) Opposition (12-13)

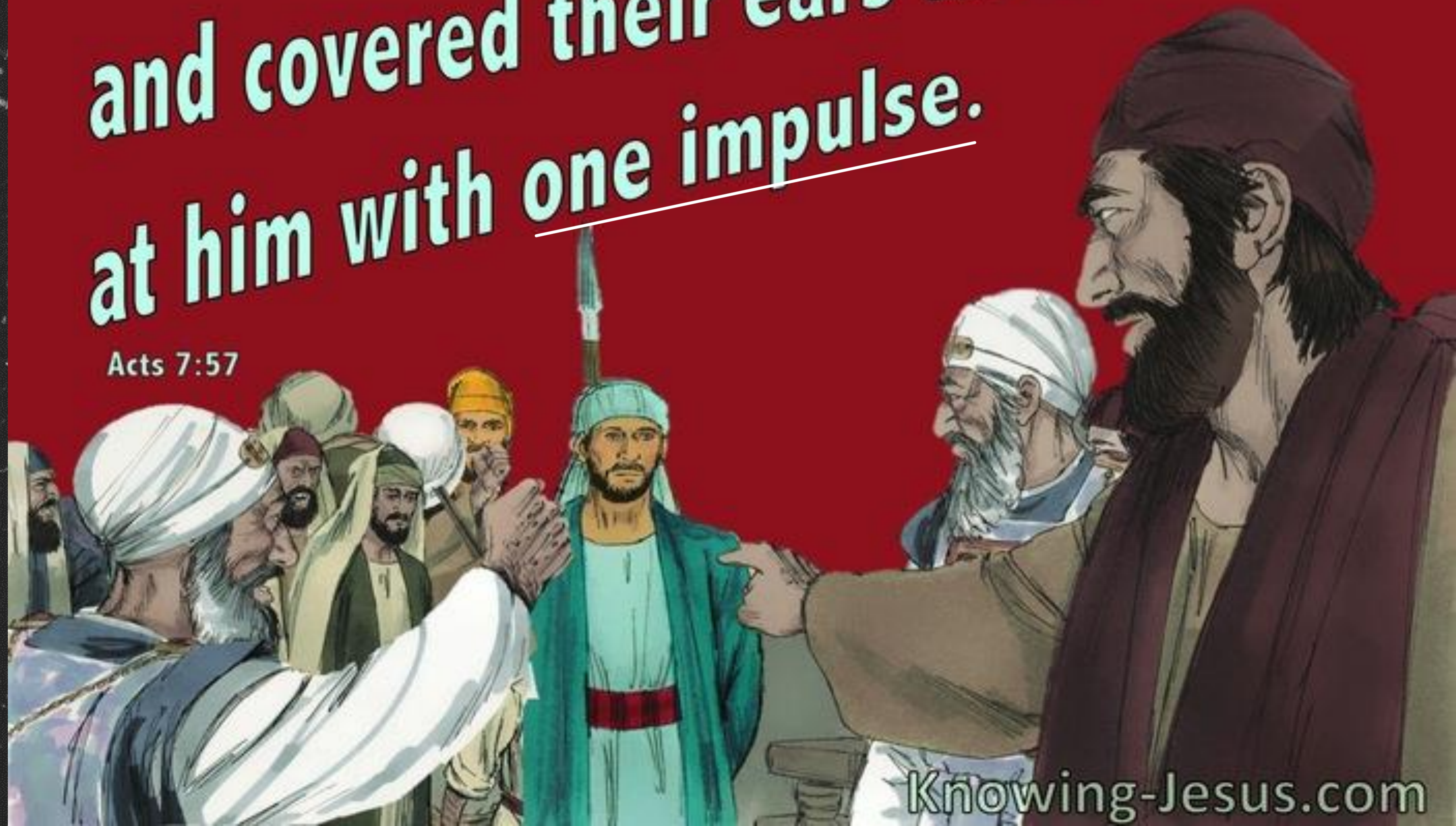


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¹² And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, ¹³ Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

**But they cried out with a loud voice,
and covered their ears and rushed
at him with one impulse.**

Acts 7:57

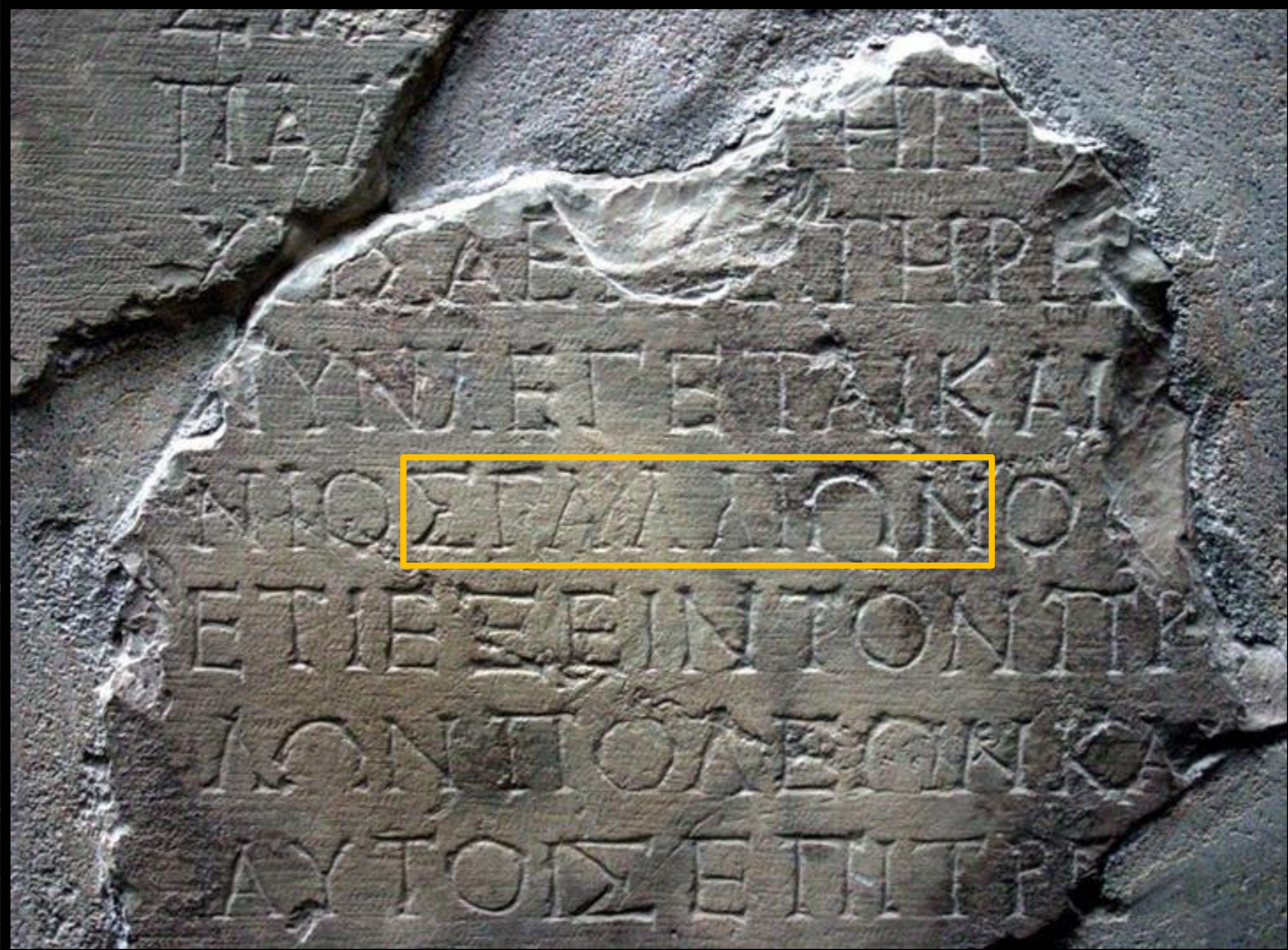


2 Timothy 3:10-12

“But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (NKJV).

**INDEED, ALL WHO DESIRE TO LIVE
GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS WILL
SUFFER PERSECUTION**

2 TIMOTHY 3:12



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While Pilate Was Sitting On
The Judge's Seat, His Wife
Sent Him This Message: "Don't
Have Anything To Do With
That Innocent Man, For I Have
Suffered A Great Deal Today In
A Dream Because Of Him."

Matthew 27-19

For we must
All appear before
The Judgment Seat
of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10

b) Discernment (14-16)





c) Fury (17)



Paul, Called To Be An
Apostle Of Christ Jesus
By The Will Of God, And
Our Brother Sosthenes,

1 Corinthians 1-1

2. God's Future Sovereign Will [18-22]

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

- James 4:15 -



a) Departure (18)



I Commend To You
Our Sister Phoebe, A
Servant Of The Church
In Cenchrea.

Romans 16-1

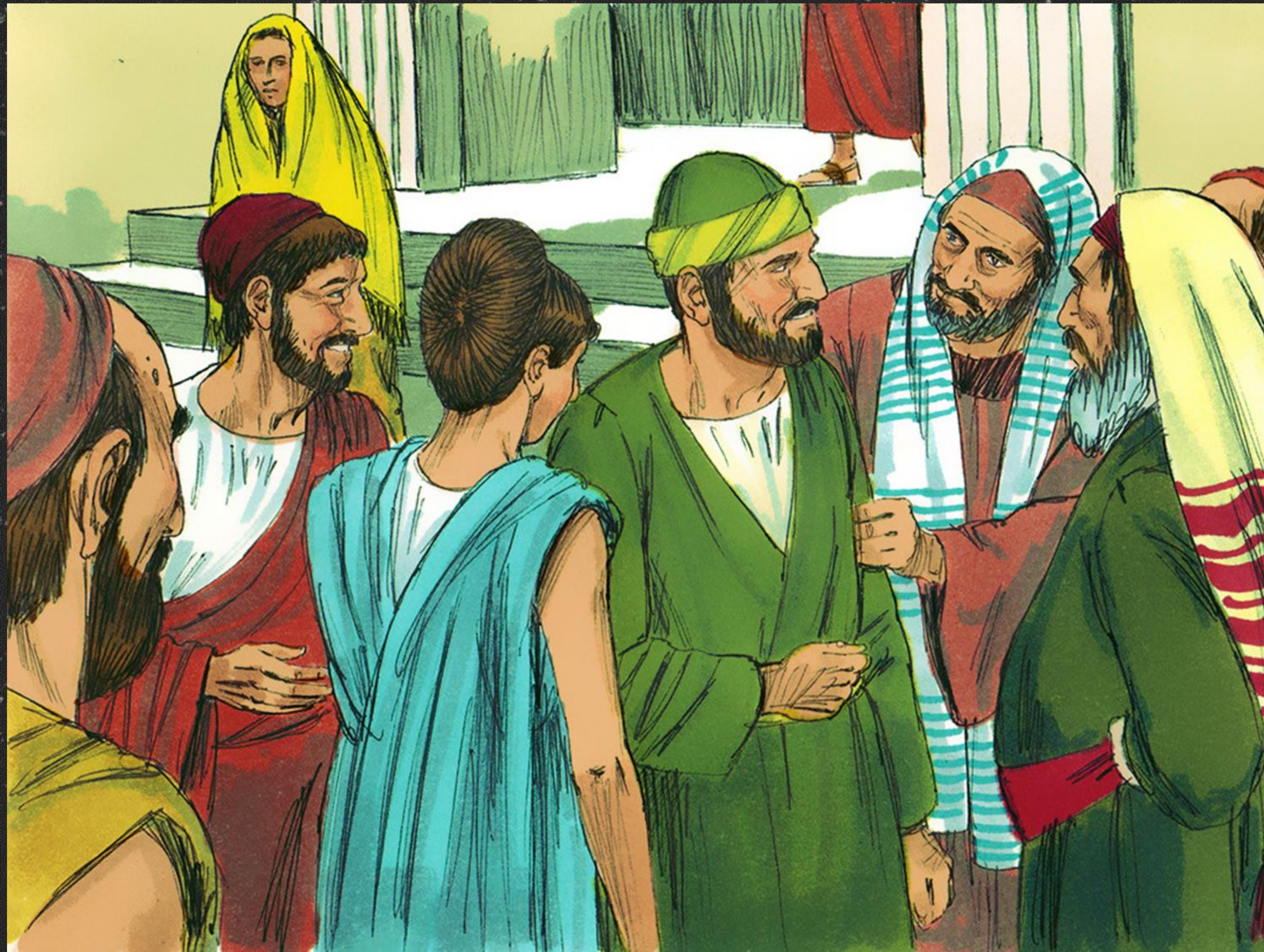
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PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
49-52 AD



b) Invitation (19-21)







In Paul's day, Ephesus did not yet have its famous library, its elaborate gymnasia and baths, or temples built in honor of deified emperors. However, it was already called "the greatest city of Asia" and featured a large theater and magnificent temple to Artemis. When Paul visited Ephesus, its population was approximately 250,000 people.

Ephesus in Paul's Day

Ephesus was a thriving port in the first century, situated on the only major east-west road system in the area. Nearly a century had passed since it had last been invaded. The city was proud and prosperous, and a strong Jewish community thrived there.





The Churches In The
Province Of Asia Send
You Greetings. Aquila And
Priscilla Greet You Warmly
In The Lord, And So Does
The Church That Meets At
Their House.

1 Corinthians 16-19



House church of Christ - Rome

□ “³Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

⁴Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

⁵Likewise greet the church that is in their house” (Romans 16:3-5).



I WILL RETURN TO
YOU IF GOD WILLS.

Acts 18:21

In My Prayers At All
Times; And I Pray That
Now At Last By God's Will
The Way May Be Opened
For Me To Come To You.

Romans 1-10

By God's will I may come to you with
joy and together with you be refreshed.

- Romans 15:32 -



1 Cor 4:19

But I will come to you soon,
if the Lord wills, ...

I Do Not Want To See
You Now And Make Only
A Passing Visit; I Hope To
Spend Some Time With
You, If The Lord Permits.

1 Corinthians 16-7

And God
Permitting, We Will
Do So.

Hebrews 6-3

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- James 4:15 -



It Is Better, If It Is God's
Will, To Suffer For Doing
Good Than For Doing
Evil.

1 Peter 3-17

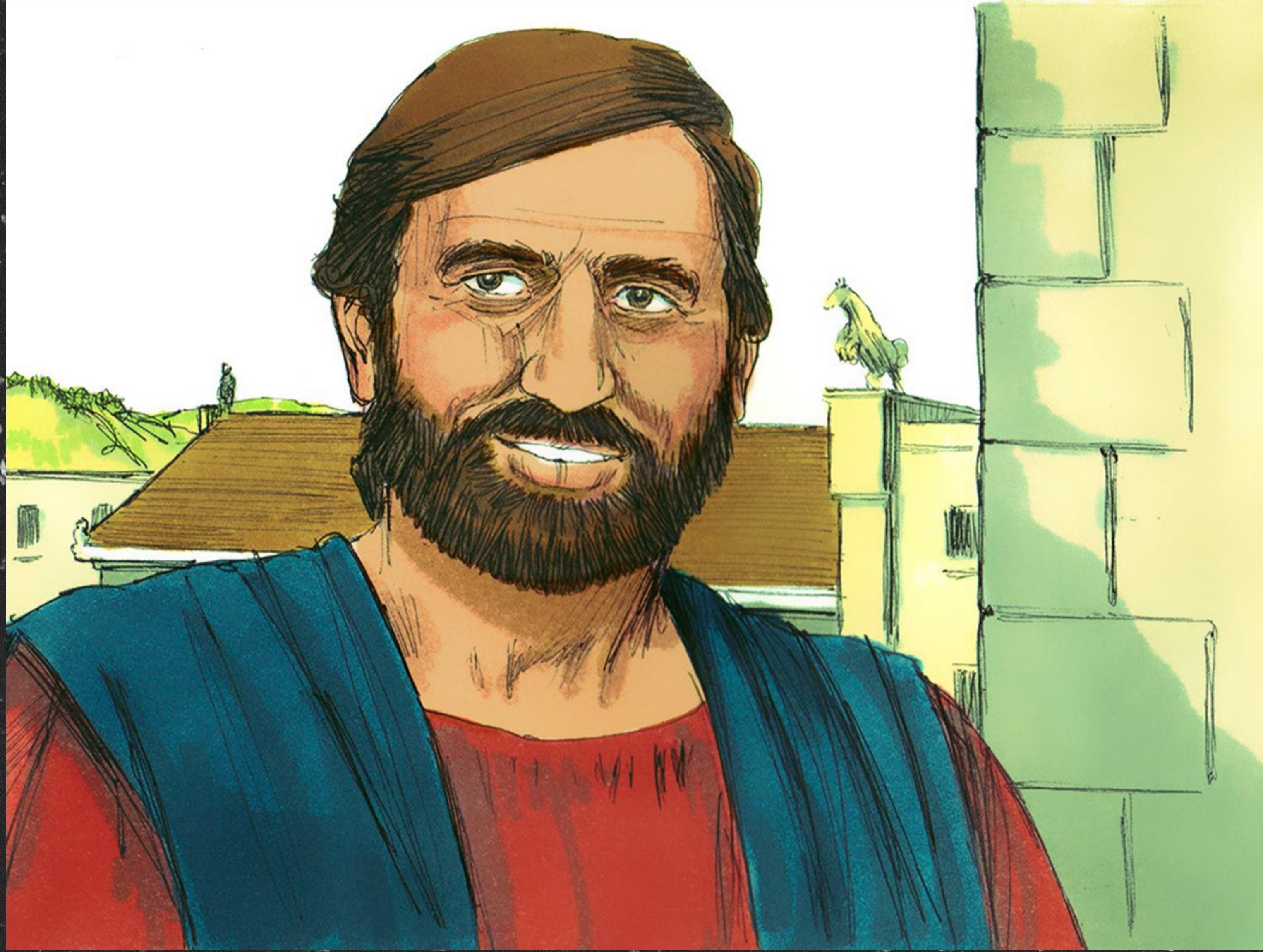
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GOD'S WILL vs. YOUR WILL



c) Return (22)







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