

Unhindered
The Book of Acts
God's Workers in Process
Acts 18:18-28

- **Introduction**

- Who remembers PBPWMGINFWMY?
 - “Please be patient with me; God is not finished with me yet.”
- We would all probably be better off if we could remember that about ourselves as we relate to one another.
- The fact of the matter is that none of us have reached full spiritual maturity, we are all on a path to maturity. Yet in spite of that...
- God in His divine plan of having the good news proclaimed, and strengthening churches, etc., uses people like you and me who are all “in process.”

- **God's desire is for us to focus on His work.**

- God desires for us to focus on preaching/sharing the gospel to those who need to hear it.
 - Everywhere Paul went his focus was on the gospel. The same focus is seen with Apollos.
 - 1 Corinthians 9:16; 1 Corinthians 9:23; Matthew 28:18–20
 - No matter what we may think the church is or what it is supposed to do, sharing the gospel MUST be a primary focus.
- God's desire is for us to focus on strengthening the church as well.
 - Evangelism naturally leads to strengthening the church because its focus is to make disciples.
 - Babies are cute, but they need to grow up. The same is true for spiritual babies.
 - Ephesians 4:11–16

- **God uses us while we are “in process.”**

- Philippians 3:12
- God always uses workers (notice the plural).
 - Luke shifts the focus to Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos. We also do not know where Timothy and Silas went. This is to show that it was not only Paul who was going about what God wanted to be done.
 - 1 Corinthians 3:5–6
- God uses us as we are growing and maturing in our walk with Jesus.
 - Paul was “in process” as he served.
 - Paul while the “apostle to the Gentiles,” was still “in process” as to how to deal with his Jewish heritage.
 - We really cannot say Paul was right or wrong for taking the vow. We can say he was “in process.”
 - Aquila and Priscilla were “in process” as they served.
 - Paul disciplined them, and it can be argued that Priscilla “got it” quicker than Aquila. Why?
 - They were both “in process.”
 - Apollos was “in process” as he served.
 - While Apollos may have appeared to have it all together, he did not because he was also in process.
 - 2 Corinthians 2:15–17; 2 Corinthians 3:5

- **Conclusion**

- Are we focused on sharing the gospel with people who need to hear it?
- Are we focused on strengthening the church?
- Are we “in process” in our journey with Jesus?