



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High  
**Title:** How God encourages His  
Weary Servants, Part 2  
**Lesson:** 94

**Text:** Acts 18:6-8  
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**How God encourages His weary servants:**

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## **Ecclesiastes 4:9–12**

**1. Companions working side-by side produce greater results.**

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

**2. Companions help us in times of need.**

10 For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

### **3. Companions comfort us in difficult times.**

11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?

### **4. Companions strengthen us in times of opposition.**

12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

Acts 18:1–8 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, 3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

4 And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

**We should be thankful to God for His gifts of friendship.**

6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

**“they”**

**“resisted”**

**“blasphemed”**

**“shook out his garments”**

**This idea came originally from our Lord**

Luke 10:10 -11 “But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.

**Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue at  
Pisidian Antioch.**

Acts 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

**Paul's response shows us three important principles:**

- 1. Once unbelievers hear the gospel, they are \_\_\_\_\_ for their response.**

“Your blood be on your own heads!

Matthew 27:25 And all the people said, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”

- 2. Once we have shared the gospel we are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.**

**What if we clam up and remain silent?**

Ezekiel 3:18–19 “When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at **your hand**. 19 “Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

3. We should \_\_\_\_\_ to other evangelistic opportunities.

**Paul turned away from the Jews back in Pisidian Antioch**

Acts 13:46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, **we are turning to the Gentiles.**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

7 Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

**“many of the Corinthians”**

**When weary and discouraged, don't give up, remain \_\_\_\_\_, and in time God will reward us.**

## Discussion Guide

1. How many people did you thank for being a great friend?
2. Discuss the following questions about shaking the dust off your feet?
  - A. Under what circumstances?
  - B. Describe what that looks like and sounds like today?
3. Look carefully for four key verbs that describe salvation starting with verse 5.
4. How has God encouraged you in times of weariness?
5. We see in our text that God will encourage us, but what steps can we take to encourage ourselves.

**ANSWERS:** Companionship, accountable, responsible, move on, Fruitfulness, faithful