## Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High **Title:** How God encourages His

Weary Servants, Part 3

Lesson: 95

**Text:** Acts 18:9-17 **Date:** Feb 16, 2025

## How God encourages His weary servants:

- 1. Companionship
- 2. Fruitfulness

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9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

2 Thessalonians 3:1–2 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.

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	Describe an event with no expectation or command given to us.
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	Prescribe what we can expect and are commands we are to obey.
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Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.

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10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city."

Joshua 1:5 "No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Isaiah 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Jeremiah 1:17–18 "Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them. 18 "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land. 19 "They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.

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Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.

John 10:14–16 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

Acts 2:38–39 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, *for the faith of those chosen of God* and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

Ephesians 1:3–4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world*, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 2 Timothy 2:8–10 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned. 10 For this reason I endure all things for *the sake of those who are chosen*, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

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Divine election is not a deterrent to evangelism, it
is an encouragement to keep us
to evangelize.

11 And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them

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12 But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, 13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

14 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; 15 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." 16 And he drove them away from the judgment seat.

17 And they all took hold of Sosthenes, (Saus-thu-neez) 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.

Proverbs 19:21 Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord will stand.

Don't stop	speaking	Truth	because	God	promises	to
provide all	our					

## **Discussion Guide**

- 1. Can you remember a time when you were weary and discouraged and God showed up to encourage you?
- 2. Has fear kept you from speaking up? if so, when and why.
- 3. What is the difference between descriptive and prescriptive texts and why is that difference important? Can you name any other examples?
- 4. God's promise of His power does not mean that we will never experience spiritual harm. So how do we apply this?
- 5. What truth had the greatest impact on you today and why?

**ANSWER:** Guidance, Descriptive, Prescriptive, presence, power, promise, motivated, protection, needs