

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Directed

### Directed To Stay the Course

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#### How do I find the strength to do what is right when I feel like I want to stop?

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. **Acts 18:1-5, NIV**

Ministry is a \_\_\_\_\_ sport. God gives individuals who enhance our service and \_\_\_\_\_ us.

<sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.” **Acts 18:6-8, NIV**

When sharing Jesus, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ opposition.

In the middle of opposition, expect \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. **Acts 18:9-11, NIV**

Moments of weakness and doubt are \_\_\_\_\_.

God holds us up with his powerful \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup>While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment. <sup>13</sup>“This man,” they charged, “is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.”

<sup>14</sup>Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. <sup>15</sup>But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.” <sup>16</sup>So he drove them off. <sup>17</sup>Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever. **Acts 18:12-17, NIV**

Government will not always be our \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is part of doing what is right.

## MEMORY VERSE

“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, **Acts 18:9<sup>b</sup>-10, NIV**

**My next step:** Jesus stood beside me in difficult times. He continues to support me so I can do what is right even when it hurts.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.