**Acts: Spirit. Mission. Drama.**

**Today: Sharp and Surrendered**

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***Acts 18:21***

*“I will come back if it is God’s will.”*

1. Have you learned to plan in pencil, not pen?

***Acts 18:24-28***

*24Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. 25He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervorand taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26He began to speak boldly in the synagogue.*

1. Are you boldly using your talents for the Lord?

*When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*

1. Are you gracious enough to be helpful?
2. Are you humble enough to stay in the growth zone?
3. Have you been born again by water and the Spirit?

***John 3:5***

*Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spiritgives birth to spirit.*

***Titus 3:3-7***

*3At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.*

*27When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. 28For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.*

1. Do you know that your faith has both roots and reasons?

***Psalm 22***

*1My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
    Why are you so far from saving me,  
    so far from my cries of anguish?*

*8“He trusts in the Lord,” they say,  
    “let the Lord rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
    since he delights in him.”*

*16Dogs surround me,  
    a pack of villains encircles me;  
    they piercemy hands and my feet.*

*17All my bones are on display;  
    people stare and gloat over me.*

*18They divide my clothes among them  
    and cast lots for my garment.*

***Psalm 69: 21***

*They put gall in my food  
    and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

***Isaiah 7:14***

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virginwill conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

***Isaiah 53***

*9He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
    and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
    nor was any deceit in his mouth.*

***Micah 5:2***

*“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
    though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
    one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
    from ancient times.”*

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