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Act 18 versus 11 through 23. These are the words of god. We continued there a year and six months teaching the word of god among them. When gallio is pro-console of ikea, the Jews with one accord, rose up against paul and brought him to the judgment seat saying. This fellow persuades men to worship.

God, contrary to the law. And when paul was about to open his mouth galia said to the jews, If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crime. So Jews. There would be reason why i should bear with you, but if it is a question of words and names in your own law, look to it yourselves for, i do not want to be a judge of such matters.

They drove them from the judgment seat. Then all the greeks took sosthenes. The ruler of the synagogue and beat him before the judgment seat. But gallio took no notice of these things. So, paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren. And sailed for Syria.

And Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off, it's in crea, for he had taken a vowel. And he came to Ephesus and left them there. But he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they act, when they asked him to stay longer time with them, he did not concern.

But took leave of them saying i must by all means. Keep this coming feast in jerusalem. But i will return again to you, god willing. And he sailed from Ephesus. And when he had landed, it says, aria and gone up and greeted to the church. He went down to Antioch.

After he had spent some time there he departed and went over the region of galatia and frigia. In order. Strengthening or The disciples. Amend the sense this reading of, God's inspired and inherent word. Rejoice that he attends the preaching of it. By his spirit and with his power, please be seated.

The apostle covers a lot of ground. And water. In the passage that is now before us He starts out with a year and a half in antioch. But then, in very rapid order. Not antioch, sorry in Corinth but in very rapid order he goes to syncrea ephesus says aria jerusalem Antioch again, and then at least a half a dozen other places under the The summary title, the regions of galatia and Fregia.

What determines paul's travel schedule? In this passage. How does he decide? That a year and a half in Corinth as enough. Well, part of that, we see it comes out of his conversation in Ephesus. If he is staying in places because the lord is is giving him ministry to do there.

Surely he would stay where the Jews of the synagogue like berea. Except without people from Jews, from Thessalonica coming down and poisoning Berea Um, Beg him to stay with them longer. And they ask him to stay longer with them, but he does not consent. And i think it's at that point, that we find out, Uh, why?

He's in a hurry. He wants to get to jerusalem. He wants to get to jerusalem and a specific time because the number of his brethren who are in jerusalem and especially the number of the brethren who will have come from gentile territories to jerusalem. Will have swelled, we're

getting a little bit of ahead of ourselves there but he he wants to get to jerusalem so that he can greet them.

And of course, it's not just to say hello. The greeting them is the greeting of of the apostle Paul much like we we see in so many of his letters grace and peace to you from god, our father and the lord, jesus christ or grace, mercy and peace. And then this outflowing of what grace and peace from god in christ looks like And particularly suited each congregations particular context.

He wants to to greet them, but it seems that as soon as that's done, he goes down to antioch, has sending church. This is antioch and Syria, not antioch in the citya. Any spends some time there. And again, we don't think that he's just, you know, missionary on furlough kicking up his heels enjoying His well-earned vacation and antioch.

Uh, that's not consistent at all. With what we've seen from the apostle either in act or In his letters. Uh, but He's there and some time and as he makes his way back to Ephesus. What is he doing? The whole way to Ephesus? He is strengthening all the disciples and glacier and forgiate.

That's what determines has travel schedule. This desire to strengthen. The churches of god and the disciples, the followers of jesus whom, the lord has gathered into those churches. Those who have been in their being added to the number of the church have been marked off as disciples. By the name, father, son and holy spirit in the naming ceremony of baptism and who therefore receive not only the sacrament But also the teaching to keep all that christ has commanded in dependence upon that glorious reality.

That jesus is with them, always even to the end of the age. And so this language of strengthening, the disciples actually connects us from where we have been and acts 18, and how the lord stirred up, his apostle, to zeal and sustained his apostle in ministry. And particularly that appearance of the lord jesus to him at the beginning of the year and a half.

And then the fulfillment of what the lord jesus had said to him. Which is. Uh, which is the actually the bulk of our passage. From 11 to 18, the rest comes. In such rapid fashion from 18 to 23. We actually doesn't tell us, does he? At what point in the year and a half.

Versus 12 to 17 take place. It is an example. Of how the lord jesus kept us promise to be. Uh, to be with paul. So that no one would attack him to hurt him. Because jesus had many people in that city whom he was going to save through the ministry of paul.

That's what you have. And in verse 10 and then verse 11 gives us a summary and he continued there a year and six months tells us the exact amount of time, teaching the word of god among them. And then in verse 18, he says, so paul still remained a good while.

Now, if he'd have given us a few more dates in there somewhere, And if we could overlap that with some secular history to know when gallio is pro-console of a gaya, perhaps we could work out but probably galio is pro-console. Vaquel long enough? That There's still a big overlap.

There's an intentional kind of non-telling or non-location in the within the year and six months of this event at the judgment seat of gallio. So that we will continue to see that the entire year and six months, Paul is strengthened. Paul is fueled. By the fact that the lord jesus is present with him that the lord jesus by his power.

Is. Is sustaining him in this work is carrying out his purpose to save, sinners gather them into the church and to sanctify saints to build up into christ within the church. Those who have been gathered into the church. And so whether it's when he has the opportunity to do that in jerusalem, That he makes haste to jerusalem and even on the way.

Apparently, Uh, we don't know who planted the church in syncrea. We know that there was A lady named Phoebe who was known for her service. And there's been some monkeying around with that word to Uh, to ordain her after the fact. And by something paul says, in a letter, don't let anybody do that to you.

Um, it's different form. Of the deacon. Uh, root even And you can hear what they say she is is oh, she's a church officer. She's a deacon. No, she's a servant. We're all called to be servants. The lord jesus and some places is called servant. Uh, using similar form of the word.

But there's a church there. Perhaps. That paul founds just as he's passing through. And we know from the, Synagogue language, he plants the church at ephesus and like a day or two. He makes a pit stop an emphasis and plan to church that he's going to come back to and disciple for three years.

A church that will end up at different times. Having as its pastor. Paul. Timothy. A palace. John the apostle. Um, Church. That becomes. Quite strong quite famous. But he's hurrying to jerusalem, then he gets to jerusalem. And in order to make his way back, he passes through his home church, strengthens them.

And then he goes through galatian. Friggin what is he doing? His whole way back to Ephesus to to start or continued the discipling work and the church that he'd planted Strengthening all. The disciples. Well. Because he's a disciple. And he is needed, strengthening He has been. Uh, in situations and that times.

He was just in kind of waiting mode. When the lord jesus has come and been present to him. Reassured him reaffirmed, all of that doctrine that we heard about. Not going to be able to remember how many weeks we've been and what was supposed to be. One sermon on the previous passage.

Reaffirmed, all that doctrine, reassured him of the reality of god. Carrying out in history, his plan of redemption, The god who covenants within himself. To do this saving. And then whose plan for how it happens in time with people. Would be that it would happen with a gathered church.

And they're in households. That there would be this covenantal. Aspect to the whole plan of redemption. And gives his apostle to see even that being carried out. And so we can. Uh, neatly organized. Uh, what we hope to hear. In our remaining time, under these two heads, That first he was strengthened through the experience of the lord's faithfulness.

In verses 11 through 18. That what jesus had said to him? In verse 10. Uh, came true. And probably not just in this one event. Although this is the one that luke counts for recounts for us. But that jesus was with him. So that no one would attack him to hurt him.

Until everyone that jesus had planned. To use him to bring to faith. Had been brought to faith. At that time. And that having been strengthened through the experience of the lord's faithfulness. That he went on to strengthen. Others. And so, the lord had said, I am with you and no one will attack you to hurt you for.

I have many people in this city. The lord restrains, his enemies. He is the god of sovereign providence. No one can do anything. Apart from him, there are always those two intentions,

those two wills involved. You remember, Joseph. Again you intended it for evil, but God intended it for good.

There are two intentions and there's there's not a struggle to figure out who will gain their aim. Because God superintends the Lord. Jesus, superintends everything that happens. He is good and he does good, not everything that happens is entirely good in another itself. But the good that he does through, it is always good.

There are evil men who intend evil and who do evil. But the Lord superintends. The Lord, who is good. Intends good and does good. Is not the author of the evil that has done. But he ordains it. He plans the good that he will do even. By what evil others do.

Some use the word permissive will. But do not allow that. To mean in your mind, something like passive will. Because God is active in the good that he is doing. That goes times. And this is a restraint that always applies. What good works. Are you walking in? Dear children.

I know what? Some of the good works that you are walking in. Obeying your parents, you know how? I know. Because the apostle who calls you saints because you are set apart as holy in his church. He says that about us in 1st Corinthians 7 and then he addresses children in the church in Ephesians and Colossians as part of the saints at Ephesus and the same sit Colossians, he comes.

And he says, and if Ephesians chapter 6 and Colossians chapter 3 that children are to obey their parents, And in Ephesians 6 specifically, he says children obey your parents in the Lord. Now, this means first that you have to believe in Jesus. Because you are you who are set apart to the Lord.

As children who are in his church. You are not in the Lord except by faith in Jesus Christ. This is why Mom and Dad as they train you and as they discipline you, are always discipling. You always telling you that sin only has one solution. And it's not church membership and it's not being a covenant child and it's not baptism.

It is the righteousness and blood of the Lord, Jesus Christ, that you would be united to him through faith, so that you might be forgiven of the guiltiness of your sin. But also, so that you by faith in Jesus Christ might walk with him and it would no longer be you who live but Jesus who lives in you.

All of that is commanded in the command children obey your parents in the Lord. And then your parents teach you, wonderful things. Like by grace, you have been saved. Through faith. And even the faith was not of yourselves. And it wasn't of Mom and Dad. It was the gift of God.

So that you wouldn't be able to boast because you were not your own workmanship. You were not your parents' workmanship, you were his workmanship. Create it new in Christ Jesus to do good works like children obey your parents. In the Lord. And then there's this wonderful phrase after Created in Christ.

Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand. That we might walk in them. Every obedience to your parents. That is in the Lord through faith in Jesus Christ, because he has saved you because his spirit is now working out his character in you. It is part of the work that he has given you to do.

You know, children die.

Believing children die. Remember many walks through. Fairly, you know. Larger cemetery or at least more graves, it was larger too. In Mississippi. With my one-year-old, and my two-year-old, and then my two-year-old and three-year-old and three-year-old and four-year-old. You know who they are now? Because they're my two eldest, it was that long ago.

And we would stop. At the smallest graves. And we would stop at the tunes with the shortest time span And i would remind them. Even believing children die. But you know what they did in this world if they were believers in christ jesus. Every single good work that he had prepared beforehand for them to walk in.

Now, we can't do the same as we've done with the children with you who are wives and you who are mothers and you who are husbands and you who are fathers, and you who are employees and you who are employers, and you who are neighbors, and you who are church members, But you are immortal until your work is done.

He's written Every day for you in his book before one of them came to be. And he converted you at exactly the right time. So that you would no longer live in your flesh but would live in faith by faith in jesus christ. And it would no longer be you who live but christ who lived in you.

And you know what? No one can do. They cannot kill you. Until every one of those works that has been appointed for you has been done. We are immortal. Until our work is done. Christ is building his church and the part that you have in the building of his church.

Your gathering your singing and admonishing one another, you're eating and drinking at the table and showing forth his death, until until he comes, Your hearing together. The preaching of his word. You're calling upon his name with one heart as you are led in prayer. All of that ministry that we have to one another and with one another and you don't have time to go over again.

We wish we did. Ephesians 4, and the entire book of Hebrews, And so many other places. Every single believer. Has within the church. And then to your neighbors, and an intercession for your neighbors, and intercession for those who are in high places, you who have been joined to the one mediator between god and men.

You have the part that has been assigned to you in the work that he is doing and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. So that even in the day that it comes for you to die. Jesus is with you in the day that you die. Even if it's one of those seasons in the church, like the coven enters, who are slaughtered at such a rate that it is literally known in the history books as the killing times.

Romans 8 describes such seasons, doesn't it? We are as sheep. Led to the slaughter. We are slaughtered all day long. I've done this to you before. We missed part of the quote. For your sake. We are slaughtered all day long. If i live still, it is for his sake and if i die today, it is for his sake and it hasn't separated me from the love of god, that is in christ jesus.

What paul knew by a vision of jesus standing before him and what was driven home before the judgment seat of galeo in verse 11 to 17 of our text is true for every single believer. It is a restraint that always applies. No one can do anything to you. That christ has not ordained for you for your good.

Both to sanctify you and to give you opportunity to count him worthy to serve him.

We are immortal until our work is done and even when we come to die, the last duty of a christian is to die. Well, Now, some of you are old enough that you're starting to think about it.

Well, attend upon the means of grace and ask that the holy spirit would keep conforming you to christ.

So that when you come to depart this world, it is with joy. It is with satisfaction. That you go to your redeemer that you're about to say goodbye to all of the remaining sin in one last. Wonderful fell swoop. And you'll be free forever. And you'll finally desire him like you should have.

And in the moment that you desire him, like you should have for the first time, you will have him. Like you could never imagine now. But you know what children but it's not just Those who have become widows 60 and over and who can continue night and day, 24 7 in supplications and who are satisfied with him.

Who never find themselves idle because even though their hands don't have the ability to do and the opportunity to do their heart is always active working, calling upon the name of god, enjoying fellowship with him. During those killing times. And you should get a book about the covenanters. Many a child.

Died for their faith. And we're happy and testified as they were being executed. How glad they are that? They knew the lord jesus.

And that they are going to him. And so this restraint always applies. The lord jesus with us are immortality until the work has done. No one being able to attack us to hurt us. If god is for us, who can be against us? We're already super conquerors. There may be much evil and much, not just oppression, and restriction, and second class citizening of christians coming.

There may be slaughtering. A believers coming. But no one will attack you to hurt you. Until everything that jesus has assigned for you, in this world is complete it. This was that with which paul was strengthened. This was he was excited. To go to jerusalem. With all the christians there and the increasing persecution.

Of the church at the hand of the jews, especially in the midst of the feast. Minister to them and go back to antioch and strengthen them. And then follow from antioch, as he That he goes through. Galatia and frigidian. And strengthen the All the disciples.

The wonderful result was he stayed a year and six months? What will be the result in your life? How long are you going to persist? And you're calling, are we going to grow weary and well doing? If we know, That jesus is with us and that he's the one who's picked out these works for us.

These good works of fighting against our sin, that it seems like it's a law in my members that they're always there and i keep doing the things that i hate and i never do the the good that i love. It feels that way. We'll stop living according to your feelings.

God through jesus christ. Will save you from the body of this death. Even now, as you fight your sin, you're doing it because the spirit who leads you to do, it is the spirit of sonship. Who tells you the reason you hate the sin is it doesn't belong to the family resemblance.

And the father who has joined you to the son is going to by his spirit, get rid of every last particle of your sin. We are more than conquerors belongs to the first half of Romans 8 every bit as much as it belongs to the second half of Romans 8, even for the battle of sin.

Even for the battle of mortification and sanctification. You grow weary. Leading your family and worship. You're increasingly worn out body. Finding the days of working increasingly long. The

lord jesus is with you and you're still alive, and you still have a family and you still have a voice. And we are going to close this day before God together just like we opened it together.

God, helping me. Grow weary. Of keeping the house since mitting to your husband. Patiently. Instructing your children and disciplining them for the 14th climb today. Or the 73rd if you count all of the children,

You're going to grow weary in something that jesus is with you for that. He has planned for you and that he is literally restraining everything in heaven and earth that wants to kill you because there are still good works planned for you prepared for you beforehand. And those good works of her children, and that laundry and that discipline, and the neighbor, who picked the most inconvenient time to break her head.

And once we're strengthened this way, don't we want to come and share how the Lord has strengthened us? Don't we know that there are brothers and sisters who are weary of well-doing Who are not living for the service and for the display of the one who has saved them, who are stuck in worldliness.

Who go through the religious motions and go through. And hurry through the the least amount that they're conscience will let them get away with as children obeying their parents or as wives or as mothers or his husbands so that they can get to their fun. So they get to their weekend so that they can get to their play so that they can follow the religion of israel at the base of the mountain while Moses is on the mountain.

Having invented for themselves. Whatever feels to be the most pleasant way of celebrating the redemption from egypt. These are your gods of Israel who brought you out of the land of egypt. Oh, well, let's have cafe. Let's establish a tradition that jeroboam the son of kneebad is going to pick up again.

And i and let us make the celebration of god's redemption as fun as possible. Why do we say that? Because in first Corinthians chapter 10, When he's warning, those who are in the church. That their love of fun is from satan. And that pleasure in god can be had even in eating, even in drinking even in whatever you do.

Good things are not bad and enjoying them is not bad but living for enjoyment is bad. As opposed to living for the enjoyment of god. And the took scripture is there quotes as the one slice. From that particular incident. The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

And even in christian homes, what's happening? Children are learning by the way that we talk, and the way that we live that we exist for pleasure, They're not learning. Jesus is with me because i still have worked to do in glorifying him. My food is good because it's from jesus.

My drink is good because it's from jesus. And every enjoyable thing that he has made in this world is good because it's from him. But what makes life good is him.

And then the lord carries us through something. He gives us suffering. He gives us endurance, he gives us. Hope he gives us rejoicing in the hope of the glory of god. And we've realized i'm immortal until my work is done. And the lord has strengthened me. And how do i know that my brother's and sisters need to be?

Strengthened is because i am often the brother or sister who needs the strength innig.

And often there are whole churches that go off the rails. And need the strengthening. And so, the strength and apostle. Who has been used for the strengthening of the church in Corinth.

He's hurrying to Jerusalem for the strengthening of the church in Jerusalem and he finishes. It's Jerusalem and takes advantage of the opportune time when there are going to be all those Jews there, He hurries to his home church that they might be strengthened too.

And he's made a promise, he has to keep his word and in emphasis But he's going to go through Galatia and free again strengthen every single church. Look at the words in order. Strengthening all the disciples. His systematic plans, how he's going to get to Ephesus by how many disciples he could strengthen along the way.

You see the Lord loves his church? His love, the church from before time began. He has loved the church by giving himself on the cross. He has loved the church by sending his word and attending by his Holy Spirit to gather into the church, he loved the church by strengthening the church.

Once they're gathered in ministering, his presence to them, reminding them of all the doctrine that he teaches them, building them up and the faith of Jesus Christ. And the more he makes us to be like himself, the more we love the church, the more we want to reinforce one another's doctrine, the more we want to point one another, to the fact that the Lord Jesus is with us, the more we want to help each other.

Stop living for idleness. Stop living for pleasure. Start living for whatever it is that the Lord Jesus still has you in this world for And it is not your favorite TV show that you are bingeing and it is not the new film and it is not the resurrection of the 19th century equivalent.

Of whatever the entertainment of the culture are It is for the knowledge and enjoyment of your creator who has now your redeemer. We strengthened in him. So that we may strengthen others.

Paul's still needed strengthening. There's a problem in verse 21. He takes leave of them saying, and then, The critical text, you know, just edit at this part out. Perhaps out of embarrassment for the apostle, I must by all means. Keep this coming feast in Jerusalem. So if you got an ESV and NIV as by, whatever, it doesn't have that line in there.

Someone was embarrassed for the apostle, cut it out. Perhaps. Dangerous to play psychology, but that's how the critical text is done by playing psychology with. How the text got changed. Matthew Henry says, Well. He's not actually going to keep the feast to his going because of whatever else he needs to do in Jerusalem at that specific time.

Except for it says that he's going to keep the feast. It's okay, Paul's a sinner. He's still growing in grace, he still needs strengthening I mean, if you have a problem here, what are you going to do with when we get to chapter 21? And he's going to offer blood sacrifices.

And God providentially intervenes by having him arrested first. Paul the apostle is going to offer a blood sacrifice after he comes to faith in Christ and his once for all sacrifice. He's a sinner. As we all are. But the Lord comes to us, by his word, and he strengthens us, And the more he conforms us to himself, the more we want to be used in strengthening one another.

We've seen him. Uh, do this before. It does it at the end of his first missionary journey, and Uh, Chapter 14, verse 21 and 22. He goes back through all the churches and appoints elders and strengthens them. By telling them that through many tribulations, we must enter the kingdom of God.

That's how Christians strengthen one another. We saw him do it. As. As he was leaving, with Silas, after the big breakup. With Barnabas and chapter in chapter 15 and verse 41. Judas and

silas who had come down from the church in jerusalem, in the first place, that's what they were doing in the church and antioch when they came down.

At this point, Priscilla and Aquila, leave Corinth with him. Apparently, Timothy and silas, don't they stay to strengthen. The. The church in Corinth, priscilla and Aquila get. As far as Ephesus. Uh, but they don't go with him to emphasis because they're still there when a paulas comes. And Priscilla and Aquila are doing what their strengthening.

The disciples in Ephesus. A paulas comes. To emphasis and he's not teaching, right? And they take him aside and they help him with his doctrine. You see God's strengthens us to strengthen others? Then he strengthens those to strengthen others. You and i have been ministered to haven't. We by all those whom the lord brought into our lives.

Who opened his words to us and with us. Who worshiped alongside us? Who helped us to love not our lives, even unto death, who helped us, not to love the world or the things of the world, because loving the world is enmity with god.

The lord's strengthens us by the affirmation that his purpose in the world. The reason the world still exists. This version of it. Roman 6. Fifth seal saints under the altar? Is because the number of their brethren isn't yet completed. He strengthens us by the affirmation that his purpose. In this world is the gathering of sinners into his church to make saints.

And then the growing of those saints within his church. As he produces in them, the holiness that is necessary for them to see the lord. And as he Carries them through completing. Every one of the good works that he has prepared beforehand for them to walk in. We can hardly endure.

Walking in good works. Even if the good work is hearing a sermon together, Hearing this. Text open together. And how many of us weary with the length of the sermon and how late it started? And our flesh goes after so many other things. We don't realize that the lord brings us by his word, and by his grace, with his spirit, to build us up into christ.

So that on the monday and the tuesday, and the wednesday and the thursday, Or if you don't like the pagan name. Second day, third day, fourth day, fifth day. That when we are weary of the works that he's given us to walk in on those days. It will have been by the strengthening of his spirit, applying his word to us now, and our listening to together eagerly now.

Not being already at the restaurant with whatever other church that beat us there. So they could tip badly. But counting christ as our food and christ is our drink and christ is our life. So that when we go out to eat, Or when we we go it, when we have food this christ to win, we enjoy and the goodness of the food and when we have to drink, it's Christ to we enjoy in the goodness of the drink and when we live our lives it is especially looking for those.

Good works to walk in because christ is a life.

So that we'll be strengthened not to waste and destroy our lives in flesh-pleasing and worldliness because that's not why no one has attacked us to hurt us or to kill us. We have not been spared being slaughtered by the haters of christ and the haters of christians so that we can be comfortable.

Entertained people.

And the lord's strengthens us by reminding us. That, that's what we're here for. You know Priscilla and Aquila were tent makers. That's actually where you get the phrase tent, making

ministry. What news for you? Look at where Priscilla and Aquila are now. They're not making tents and corns anymore.

They're making tents and ephesus. Why? Because that's where they go to church now. They're probably still making tents. Full-time. But they have a tent making ministry. You see the the making of the tents puts food on the table. And enables them to give. For the ministry. For the ministry.

Of the church. But they are. Tent, making members of the church. An emphasis. You know, you're every one of us is called to at least tent making ministry. If you've run into these, You know basically elders and they can be paid ruling elders, and that's fine. The bible believes in those things too.

You should. We'll run into somebody who calls himself a tent making minister. You know, the tent making minister is as a christian. Is someone who has a calling that is necessary. You know, some of you, you children. You have school that you do and it's tent making ministry and you have your chores in the house.

Maybe you're the one who sets the table. Maybe you're the one who changes the trash. Maybe you're the one who sorts the laundry. Maybe those things are all shared in some way in your household. Was tent making. But it's not what you're here. You're here to know the lord jesus and to make him known.

To find him as the pleasure of your life and him as the purpose of your life.

There were a lot more. Applications for this part of the sermon. But each of us can apply it to what our day job is. Unless your day job is to Prepare and preach sermons. Then you hit better, not love the world or the things of the world. Or waste the fact that you're still alive.

On entertainments. God, help me and forgive me.

Widows were supposed to learn that, by the time they were 60, right? Didn't that? Who just heard red from 1st, Timothy 5? Wow, they're going to learn it by the time they're 60. If us, if we husbands and fathers, And then, if your mother does come end up being Widow who has children and grandchildren is in your household.

Is she going to have the Deuteronomy six life? In your house. Your daughters. Who are growing up in your church in your houses? Father's husbands. Are they learning so to enjoy the fellowship of god himself, even in their school and even in their chores and even in their old day, every day labors.

So that they will count. Prayer. As a great occupation of their time for the rest of their lives. Are we all being tent making ministers? Together. This is what the lord jesus strengthens us to be. And the more he strengthens us to be this, The more we want to strengthen one another, because we all need it.

If you're a believer in jesus christ. There's this. Phrase that Meant the way. It was when it was used on me in evangelism at the church that i grew up in. Uh, was dreadfully, used god loves you, and has a wonderful plan for your life. That's what they would say to all unbelievers.

You just want to. You know, paint and Noah's ark. And this is an original to me with noah, leaning out the window to all those who are about to perish in the flood. And saying, god loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. That's not true for everybody.

Is it? It is true that he loves you. He's doing you good. He's making a thunder shine. His rain to fall on you. But if you're a believer, If you're a believer, First corinthians. Acts. 18 verse 10. Shaping your knowledge of acts 18 versus 11 to 23. Says. God loves you.

And he has a wonderful plan for your life. You are immortal until your work is done. And that work. Of knowing christ and making him known is his plan for your life. That's why you're alive. And he strengthens us with that, so that we will delight to have that life.

And so that we will want to strengthen others. That they would delight. By god's grace working in them. To have that life as well. Amendments break.

Lord, jesus. We thank you for the certainty. That no one can take attack us to hurt us. Until your work. For us is done.

Who praise you for how? You drove this home to paul. Didn't even have to open his mouth and his defense.

We thank you that you not only come to us. By your word by your spirit. Until this to us. But that you have given us the privilege and the honor Of being used by you and one another's lives.

Help us to love your kingdom, above all. Help us to love your glory above all. Help us to pour out our lives. Like a drink offering.

That we would do. Whatever is our tent making. As unto your glory. But that when we're not doing our tent making, And even, while we are, You would give us to look up for opportunities. For enjoying knowing you. And all the good that you do us. And for making you known, That others may know you and enjoy you as well.

We pray that your spirit would do this blessed work in our lives. Who we ask it in your name, lord jesus. Amen.