

**November 26, 2023**  
**Acts 18:1-11**  
**“Do Not Be Afraid”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

The man of God and the woman of God are invincible, bulletproof, until God is finished with them. In the center of God’s will is not always the safest place to be, but it is always the best place to be. **Psalm 139** tells us plainly that all of our days are numbered when as yet there was not one of them. Can you sing the song, where He leads me I will follow, with sincere conviction?

When the going gets tough, the tough get going, **Philippians 2:14-18**.

**V 6**, your blood be on your own heads-not as a curse but as a disclaimer. Your choice, your responsibility. Paul had done his duty, now it was on them. This led to a turning point in Paul’s ministry. Now it was on to the Gentiles.

The Jews revolt against Paul’s message that Jesus is the Messiah. With recent and past experiences with the Jews that did not turn out so well, Paul may have been thinking, it is time to move on. However, the Lord intervenes in a night vision to detain him. A new and greener field was looking might good to Paul at this point, then God. This is divine guidance men and women, it requires a great deal of trust and a submissive heart.

**V 9**, stop “being” afraid. Paul knew what Jewish hatred could do as he had learned in: Damascus, Jerusalem, Antioch Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derby, Thessalonica, and Berea.

**V 10**, God makes Paul a promise, this promise extends to all believers, see **Matthew 28:20**. Paul, I have many people in this town who are to be saved, stick with Me-I want to use you to get this job done. Paul obeyed and he stayed there for 1.5 years.

In **v 11** Luke sums up 18 months of ministry in just a few words.

**Application:**

**Acts 18:9-10** contains the words, “Don’t be afraid.” In light of this consider the words of Paul in **I Corinthians 15:58**, “Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord’s work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” NLT. This requires a sincere trust and faith in the Lord. Many people get right to the precipice of this in their lives and back down and turn away from following the Lord with their whole heart. Pray that the Lord will give you what you need in times of trial and tribulation to stand on Truth and His promises.