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**Unstoppable: The Book of Acts
Advent in Corinth**

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Jesus does not save the world by staying put.

He saved it by coming to earth as a baby.

He saves it by sending people out to continue his work.

He will save it, fully, by coming back to earth at the end of time.

Act 18:1-17 ¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There 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, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But 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."

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

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

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

¹⁴Just 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. ¹⁵But 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.”¹⁶ So he drove them off.¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.

1. PAUL TRAVELS TO CORINTH — LOVE MOVES TOWARD HARD PLACES.

“After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.” (v.1)

Paul doesn’t go to Corinth because it’s easy.

Love goes where the lost are.

Disciples don’t just complain about culture — they move into it with the gospel.

2. ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH A BACK STORY – GOD USES THEM TO MAKE HIS LOVE KNOWN.

“And he found a Jew named Aquila... with his wife Priscilla... because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome.” (v.2)

Aquila and Priscilla are on the move because of political realities.

God uses their displacement to build His church.

God often uses interruption and inconvenience as the engine of mission.

3. PAUL PREACHES, IS OPPOSED, AND DOES NOT BACK DOWN – COMPELLED BY LOVE.

“Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks...” (v.4)

Paul engages the culture. He proclaims Jesus as Messiah.

The opposition intensifies: *“Your blood be on your own heads!” (v.6)*

Love speaks truth clearly and lets people decide.

4. JESUS MEETS PAUL ON THE JOURNEY – LOVE AS “PRESENCE.”

“Do not be afraid... for I am with you.” (vv.9–10)

Advent Love is God with us — on the road, in exile, in danger, in opposition.

If God sends you, He stays with you.

5. GOD USES LEGAL SYSTEMS WITHOUT FEARING THEM – LOVE IS BIGGER THAN POLITICS.

“Gallio... refused to judge the case.” (vv.12–17)

God is bigger and works within systems to accomplish His purposes.

Christians do not need to panic about governments.

Rome thought it ruled the world but God was planting churches under its nose.

6. WEEK 4 OF ADVENT FOCUSES ON GOD’S LOVE - LOVE THAT TRAVELED TO US.

Love traveled from heaven to earth. The gospel moves because love moves.

Disciples today must ask:

Where is God calling you to go?

Who is God calling you to engage?

What comfort might love require you to leave behind?

God does not love from a distance. He loves by drawing near.

The God who came to you now sends you to others.