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**Unstoppable: The Book of Acts**  
New Year, Real Hope

**4 Corners Church**  
**January 4, 2026**

2026 can be better than 2025. Really.  
The Lord doesn't promise that 2026 will be easier than 2025.  
There is no full experience of "my good" without "His mission."

**Acts 18:18-23** *<sup>18</sup>Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken. <sup>19</sup>They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. <sup>20</sup>When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined. <sup>21</sup>But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus. <sup>22</sup>When he landed at Caesarea, he went up to Jerusalem and greeted the church and then went down to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.*

**Paul: Celebrate Success, Strengthen What Is Good, Keep Pressing On**

Paul doesn't slow down after success.  
He keeps moving, keeps teaching, keeps strengthening disciples.  
He honors a vow, submits to Spirit-leading, and revisits churches to strengthen them.

**What disciples can learn from Paul**

Maturity means **consistency**, not novelty.  
Obedience matters even when unseen or misunderstood  
God's work often advances through **long obedience in the same direction**

**For 2026: Faithful trumps flashy.**

Paul reminds us that spiritual growth is not about dramatic resets but **steady faithfulness**.  
A better year likely is less about grand resolutions, and more about renewed obedience.

**Acts 18:24-26**

*<sup>24</sup>Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup>He had been instructed in the way of the*

*Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup>He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*

### **Aquila & Priscilla: Initiate a Connection and Have Meaningful Conversations**

Want to walk in your divine purpose in 2026?

Initiate hospitality and start meaningful conversations.

It is THE most repeated model in Acts for world-changers.

### **What disciples can learn from Aquila & Priscilla**

Mature faith is **teachable and relational**

Discipleship often happens in living rooms, not spotlights

Correction is required; when given with humility, it can multiply leaders

### **For 2026: God uses quiet faithfulness to shape future leaders.**

A better year may come through investing deeply in just one or two people.

**Acts 18:27-28** *<sup>27</sup>When 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. <sup>28</sup>For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.*

### **Apollos: Being Teachable Precedes Being Truly Powerful**

Apollos is gifted, eloquent, knowledgeable—but incomplete.

Instead of resisting correction, he receives it.

Once refined, God uses him mightily to refute error and strengthen the church.

### **What disciples can learn from Apollos**

Spiritual maturity requires **humility before accuracy**

Passion must be shaped by truth

Growth accelerates when correction is welcomed

For 2026: ‘Sudden breakthroughs’ usually follow multiple tweaks made over time.  
God may not need to give you more zeal. He may want to refine what you already have.

### **Thoughts on His mission:**

No single hero. No one does everything.

Mission advances through a **community of maturing disciples**, each faithful in their role.

### **Thoughts on My Good:**

A better year doesn't flow from circumstances changing.  
It flows from my maturing.  
The longer you entertain in your life what is not from God, the longer you postpone what is.

*"So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily."* (Acts 19:20)