

**Date:** May 5, 2019

**Text:** Acts 18:1-23

**Title:** Fearless, Faithful, Fruitful

**Big Idea:** Because of Jesus promises, we can be fearless, faithful, and fruitful disciples.

### **Commands and Promises**

At the center of this passage: Acts 18:9-10. Three commands, three accompanying promises:

1. *Be Fearless* Command: “Do Not Be Afraid” Promise: “For I am with you”
2. *Be Faithful* Command: “Go On Speaking” Promise: “No one will attack you to harm you”
3. *Be Fruitful* Command: “Do Not Be Silent” Promise: “For I have many in this city who are my people”

### **Gospel Fearlessness**

What are you afraid of? How do you overcome fear?

Was Paul afraid? (see 1 Corinthians 2:3)

How does Jesus promise—“for I am with you”—overcome our fear? Do you regularly *know* and *experience* his presence with you? How can you cultivate a deeper awareness of his presence?

### **Gospel Faithfulness**

How does Paul display faithfulness in verses 1-5, then again in verses 6-7?

Did God keep his promise to Paul, in light of verses 12-17? How?

Put Jesus’ promise—“no one will attack you to harm you”—in your own words. How can we experience this promise in our lives?

### **Gospel Fruitfulness**

Read verse 8: a picture of Paul’s fruitfulness in ministry.

How does Jesus’ promise “for I have many in this city who are my people” apply to the command to “not be silent”? What would happen to those people if Paul chose to be silent?

How does our obedience/faithfulness result in fruitfulness, even when we’re not in charge of the fruit?

How does John 10:16 apply?

### **Conclusion**

How does the Gospel answer our fear?

How does the Gospel answer our faithlessness?

How does the Gospel answer our fruitlessness?