

A Life Submitted to God

Text: Acts 18:18-28

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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

The life submitted to God is...

Point 1: _____ in _____ (vv. 18-23)

Question: The fruit of submission is that GOD's plan trumps your plan. Is your 'yes' on the table?

Sermon Notes...

Joyful in Sacrifice...

a) _____ (v. 19)

b) _____ (vv. 20-21)

c) _____ (vv. 22-23)

Question #3

- a) **Rd vv. 18-23:** How did Paul display a life of submission to the Lord here?
- b) Look at the "Joyful in Sacrifice" list above. Which of those things would you find it most difficult to joyfully sacrifice to the Lord if He asks you too? Why that one?
- c) How do you act when you think of having to let that go, or you've had to let that go in the past?
- d) What lies are you believing as to why you have to hold onto that? (*"If I don't have this, I..."*)
- e) What is it you really want that you think having that gives you? (*"If I have this, I will have..."*)
- f) What gospel treasure must replace that worldly treasure? (*"In Jesus, I already have..."*)
- g) What gospel truth must replace the worldly lies you are believing with? (*"In Jesus, the truth is..."*)
- h) What gospel behaviour must replace the evil behaviour? (*"In Jesus, I now can live with..."*)

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Point 2: _____ in _____ (vv. 24-28)

*Question: The fruit of submission is humble passion. Will you humble yourself under God?
Sermon Notes...*

Humble Passion...

a) _____ to the Lord (vv. 26-27a)

b) _____ in the Lord (vv. 27b-28)

Question #4

- a) **Rd. vv. 24-28:** Who was Apollos?
- b) Describe how he exhibited a humble passion for the Lord?
- c) How did the Lord use this powerfully in and through Apollos as a result?
- d) What would've happened if Apollos didn't take the correction from Aquila and Priscilla?
- e) Why is loving correction from our parents and brothers/sisters in Christ a gift from the Lord?
- f) Where do you need to repent of your lack of teachability to those God has put around you?
- g) Spend time praying for one another for these areas.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Acts 18:18-28...**

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord Jesus, You are the Lord who is _____
- b) **CONFESSION:** Lord Jesus, I repent of my lack of submission to You in _____ .
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gospel which has given me _____
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Lord Jesus, I ask for: i) Greater joy in laying down _____ for You. ii) Humility before You in _____.

Memory Verse:

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you."-James 4:10