



SERMON NOTES

It Won't Be Easy

The Book of Acts

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Job 7:1a (DRA)

"The life of man upon earth is a warfare..."

(Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition)

Acts 18:5-6 (CEV)

5 But after Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, he spent all his time preaching to the Jews about Jesus the Messiah.

6 Finally, they turned against him and insulted him. So he shook the dust from his clothes and told them, "Whatever happens to you will be your own fault! I am not to blame. From now on I am going to preach to the Gentiles."

WHEN YOU MUST SHAKE THE DUST!

Matthew 10:14 (NIV)

14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town.

The devil is not afraid of a dust-covered Bible. —Charles Spurgeon

Acts 18:7-8 (NLT)

7 Then he left and went to the home of Titius Justus, a Gentile who worshiped God and lived next door to the synagogue. 8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized.

Acts 18:9-10 (NLT)

9 One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent! 10 For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to me."

THREE WORDS GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU

1. _____ Not

"Don't be afraid!"

Two types of fear:

Fear of failure which produces an "I can't, I can't, I can't" mentality.

Fear of rejection which produces an "I have to, I have to, I have to" mentality.

2. _____ Out
“Speak out! Don’t be silent!”

Revelation 19:10c (NKJV)

“...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

3. You’re Not _____
“For I am with you.”

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Acts 18:11-17 (NLT)

11 So Paul stayed there for the next year and a half, teaching the word of God. 12 But when Gallio became governor of Achaia, some Jews rose up together against Paul and brought him before the governor for judgment. 13 They accused Paul of “persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to our law.” 14 But just as Paul started to make his defense, Gallio turned to Paul’s accusers and said, “Listen, you Jews, if this were a case involving some wrongdoing or a serious crime, I would have a reason to accept your case. 15 But since it is merely a question of words and names and your Jewish law, take care of it yourselves. I refuse to judge such matters.” 16 And he threw them out of the courtroom. 17 The crowd then grabbed Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him right there in the courtroom. But Gallio paid no attention.

Jude 1:3 (MSG)

3 Dear friends, I’ve dropped everything to write you about this life of salvation that we have in common. I have to write insisting—begging!—that you fight with everything you have in you for this faith entrusted to us as a gift to guard and cherish.

ANSWERS:

1. FEAR
2. SPEAK
3. ALONE