



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 18	Title:	The Lord is with you
Author	Ps Lim Bee Ngor		
Summary of Chapter	In Acts 18, Paul met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth and preached the Word of God to the Jews and Gentiles. The Jews opposed him but many Corinthians got saved. Paul travelled and strengthened the church in Syria, Ephesus, Jerusalem and Antioch. Meanwhile, Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos preaching in Ephesus and explained the way of God more accurately to him.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
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." ¹¹ So Paul stayed there for the next year and a half, teaching the word of God.	<p>These key verses reminded me of a dream I had one night when I was a young believer. In this dream, I was flying around the world in an airplane to do missions. Beside me was an empty seat. I remember there was a strong presence of the Lord in the plane & I was very joyful as the Lord took me around the world.</p> <p>I woke up the next day with a burning question in my heart. I wanted to know why there was an empty seat beside me. I asked the Lord if He meant I was to do missions alone. The Lord's reply was the empty seat meant He was beside me and will be with me wherever He sends me.</p> <p>Soon after the dream, the Lord opened doors for me to do missions in different countries in Asia with Missions teams from my previous church. In those early years, I often went on these trips with fear and trembling but would return home grateful that God had used me as His mouthpiece to proclaim the gospel despite my fears.</p> <p>Today I'm serving in missions in our church as the Country Director of Myanmar. God has been faithful in his promise to me. He is with me in all my Missions trips. Though I did not encounter fierce persecution from men in my trips, I did experience spiritual attacks. But God was with me to preserve me in every trip.</p> <p>Gracians, perhaps you're afraid to share Christ with pre-believers, not knowing what to expect. Do not be afraid. Know that the Lord who commissioned you to share the gospel to the lost will be with you and will protect you wherever He sends you.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Plan with your family 3 creative ways you can reach out to the unsaved this pandemic season. Make it a point to carry out at least 1 of them this year.
Youth:	Is there someone you can share your testimony with who is yet a believer? Ask God to create opportunities for you to share your testimony with him/her.
Child:	Write a short note to the Lord which country you would love to go for a Missions trip with your family and why you choose that country.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Lord Jesus, You who commissioned us to evangelise the world is faithful to be with us and powerful to keep us wherever You send us. I pray we will not fear for our lives. I pray we will only fear disobeying Your command to go and share the gospel to the lost. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.