

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 18 1-18



Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.  
Psalm 66:18

## **Praising:**

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad when thy gracious smile we  
see,  
blessed when our faith can hold  
thee fast.

## **Reading:**

Acts 18:1-18

The founding of the Church in  
Corinth

As new arrivals in Corinth, fellow  
Jews, and men with the trade of  
tent-making in common, Paul and  
Aquila must have been glad to  
meet one another. Now arriving  
from Macedonia, Silas and  
Timothy find Paul at a vocational  
juncture. The apostle has just  
decided to take his message to  
the Gentiles. Not that he has to  
travel far to do that. Starting at  
the house right next door to the

synagogue, a number of notable  
Corinthian locals become  
Christians and are baptized,  
Gentiles and Jews. Paul's vision  
comes to him as a consolation  
and affirmation. The Lord's  
promise of protection is borne out  
by Paul's aborted appearance  
before the tribunal. The secular  
legal authority Gallio wants no  
part in internal Jewish theological  
arguments. After eighteen  
months, Paul sets sail for Syria  
with his oldest Corinthian friends:  
Aquila and Priscilla.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we thank you for our  
brothers and sisters in Christ

- those you give us as friends  
and supporters, encouragers  
and inspirers
- those who welcome and  
receive us, whatever the  
drama, disaster or  
disappointment
- those we have yet to meet,  
especially those waiting for us  
to welcome them

Father: I can't do it on my own,  
and you give me so many I can  
look to for love and for a listening  
ear. Point me to the ones to  
whom I can offer the same  
spiritual kindness. Amen

## **Doing:**

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