

Paul & Thessalonica

Paul's journey to Thessalonica is recorded in Acts 17 ...

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When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,

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he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women. But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

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But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

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When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

Acts 17:1-9 (NIV)

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- 1> one who learns what their teacher knows
- 2> one who puts into practice these teachings

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Discipleship

“If the mechanism of discipleship does not move us from information to execution, the process has failed.”

- Pastor Tony Evans

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**“Who are you discipling,
and who is discipling you?”**

**“Follow my example,
as I follow the example of Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 11:1)**

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We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not

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simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-7

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Discipleship

Paul's discipleship equation ...

- > work produced by faith
(the strong conviction of truth)
- > labor prompted by love
(the motivation in struggle)
- > endurance inspired by hope
(the power to see you through)

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