### **Called to Give**

**Discussion Questions:** 

- 1. How fully do you understand your faith? Can you relate to the Holy Spirit or is that an aspect of God that you struggle to understand? What helps you to keep deepening your understanding of and experience of the Spirit's life-changing power?
- 2. How does a "call to give" resonate with you? What does a "call to give" look like across the various aspects of your life from how you spend your time and money to how you offer your presence and spiritual gifts?
- 3. How does following Jesus impact the decisions you make about what you spend money on? Are there things you spend money on that may actually be working against your relationship with Jesus?
- 4. How does Paul persevere in the face of difficulty? How does his example of giving himself fully to the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, even in the face of difficulty, inspire you to consider how you are giving yourself to the same mission?



# cts 18:23

After spending some time there he departed and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

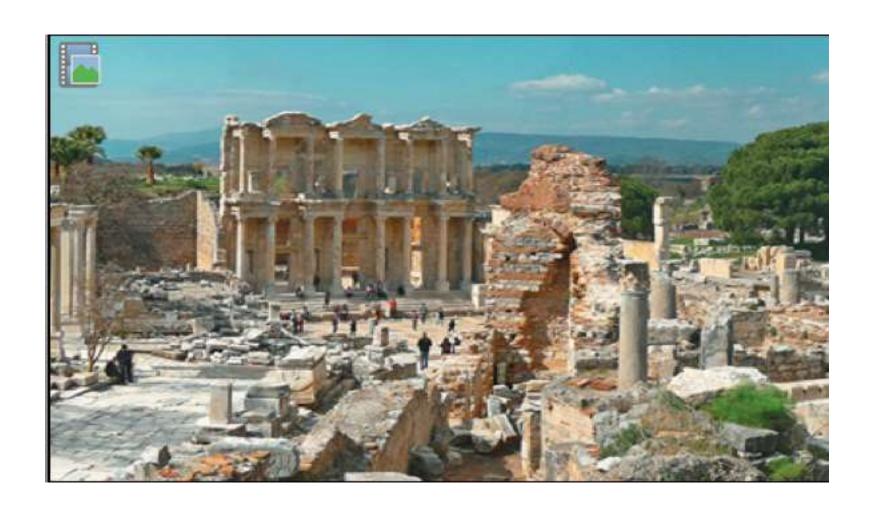
Acts 19:1
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.

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# Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem.









Acts 1:8
"But you will receive power when the Holy
Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

## ts 19:2-7

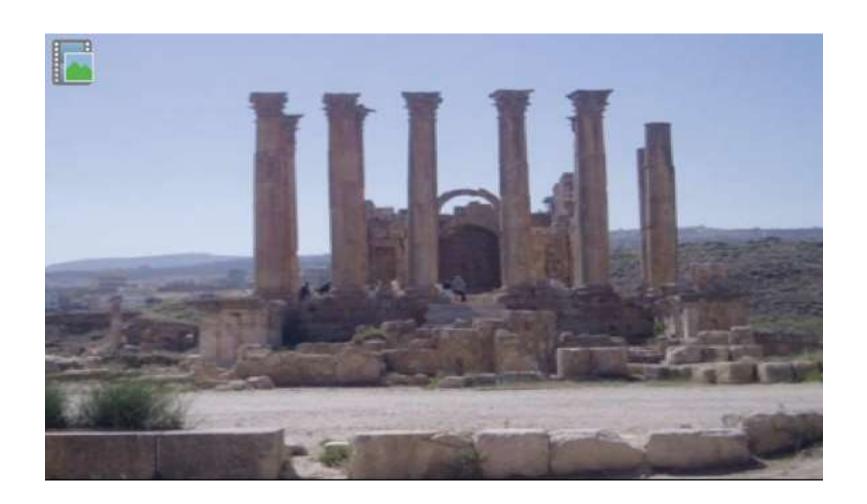
He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

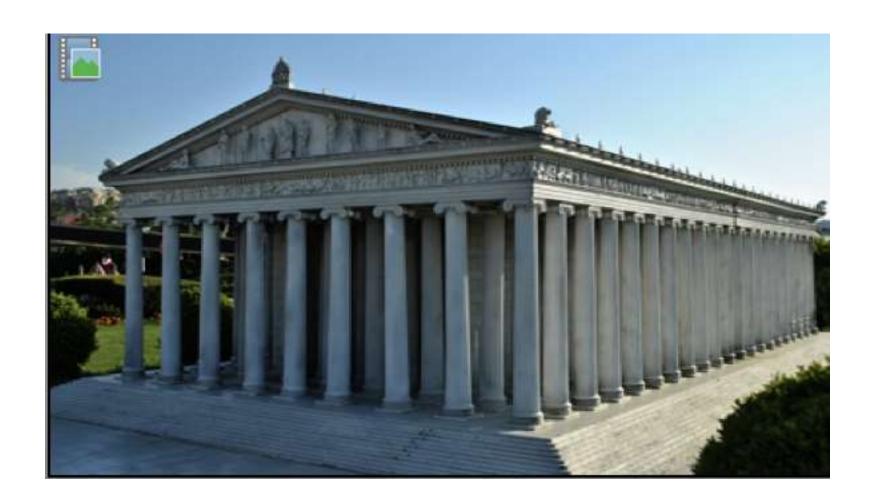


Galatians 5:22–23
By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.



Acts 19:18–20
Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

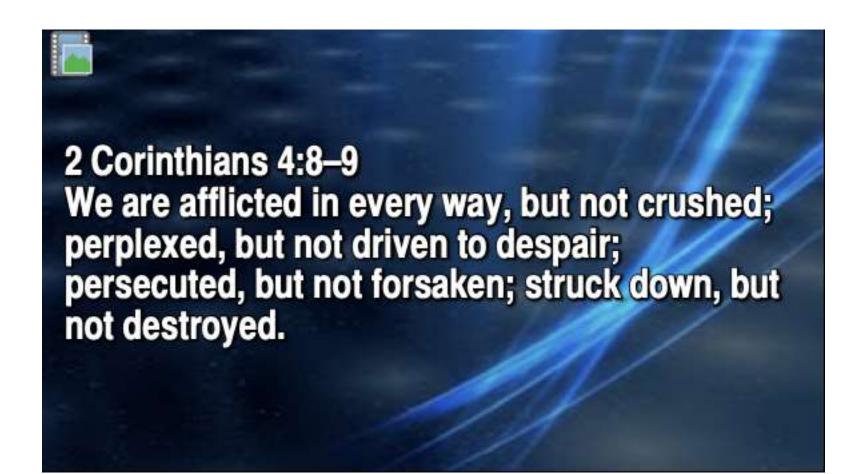




ts 19:23-27

About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, "Men, you know that we get our wealth from this business. You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her."







Acts 20:22-23

"And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me."

# cts 20:36-38

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

Acts 21:17
When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us warmly.

