

# God Has a Plan

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**Text:** Acts 18:12-22

**1. We need to continue to speak the Truth.** *Acts 18:9-10, Hebrews 13:5*

Don't be afraid. God is with us! In our current culture, truth is increasingly absent. Speak when the Lord leads. People need to know their spiritual condition before they can understand the value of the Good News. He will be with you no matter what.

**2. When you speak the Truth, you will have opposition.** *Acts 18:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:12, 1 Peter 4:12-14*

People hate hearing that they are sinners. John the Baptist lost his head because of it! Don't be afraid. God will be with you. He will never leave you or forsake you.

**3. God will help you finish your mission.** *Psalm 139:16, Acts 18:14-17, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 1:6*

Paul's mission isn't finished. God has orchestrated circumstances that have allowed him to continue. He will do the same for you.

**4. Keep your promises.** *Matthew 5:37, Acts 18:18*

Let your yes be yes. You want to be a man or woman of your word.

**5. Use reasoning to prepare people to hear the Gospel.** *Isaiah 1:18; Acts 17:1-3, 18:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15*

Our faith is reasonable. Ask questions until they can see the flaw in their worldview. Then show them their need for a savior. The Ten Commandments is a great place to start. Tell them the bad news and the good news.

**6. God has a plan.** *Proverbs 16:9, Jeremiah 29:11, Acts 18:21, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:13, James 4:13-15*

God will reveal His plan for you as you obey and follow Him.

**7. God will show His compassion as we follow Him.** *Psalm 84:11, Isaiah 30:18*