



DGM Message Summary: This Time Will Be Different

Takeaway: Today we're going to discover how God uses pain and start living like life has meaning and value. One of the hardest parts of being a leader is facing the rejection that comes with the job. You may not be convinced that the way you're living is effective for His kingdom, yet, whenever you face negativity or attacks from the enemy, you're doing something right for the Lord.

Scriptural References:

- Acts 18:1
 - The verse says that Paul went to Corinth - a city that was the most influential but also the most corrupt.
- Acts 18:2
 - The verse says that Paul found two women he would be closely acquainted with, AFTER he asked around in order to find true Christian friends in a corrupt city.
- Acts 18:5
 - The verse says that after Silas and Timothy's arrivals to the city of Corinth, Paul started teaching and preaching a little bit deeper. He needed his friends for support and began diving further into the gospel.
- Acts 18:6
 - The verse says that the people opposed Paul but they were really opposing God. So, Paul shook his garments and said to them "your blood will be on your own hands."
 - Paul knew that when you're really doing something for the Lord, the opposition is just part of the job.
- Ezekiel 33:8
 - The verse explains that Christians would face opposition, yet, encourages them to not be discouraged because the important thing is to enlighten people, not get people to like them.
- Acts 18:6
 - This verse explains says that Paul had to walk away from the difficult opposition because there were still so many who hadn't heard the gospel yet and Paul had done all he could in the synagogue in Corinth.
- Acts 18:8

- The verse shows how the kingdom of God gained momentum when Paul was able to reach more people after moving on from those whom had opposed him.
- Acts 18:9
 - This verse shows how Paul was fighting depression and despair in the midst of this spiritual victory, after having saved the lives of leaders in the area.
 - God spoke to Paul's area of need. "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent..."
- Acts 18:10
 - "For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." This verse shows that the Lord knew what was going on in Paul's heart.
- Acts 18:11
 - This verse says that because of God's supernatural strength and encouragement, Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half.

Keypoints:

- Do you constantly put yourself down about how you act, or what you say, on a daily basis?
- God doesn't measure you the way you measure yourself.
- God sees us in spite of our pains, weaknesses, and shortcomings.
- God loves us and is for us.
- It's time to discover how God uses pain and start living like life has meaning and value.