

# GROW:

OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE



## Divine Encouragement

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Acts 18:1-28

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## **Paul's profile;**

- Super Apostle
- Well educated
- Both a Roman citizen and a Jew
- Dramatic conversion story
- Type 'A' personality
- DNA made of steel





Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

Bereans receive the Word

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla Paul brought before Gallio

Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailer and his household believe

### PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
  - One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
  - ← Paul's Route
- ConformingToJesus.com

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## **Acts 9:15,16**

*“this man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”*

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## **Acts 18:9-10**

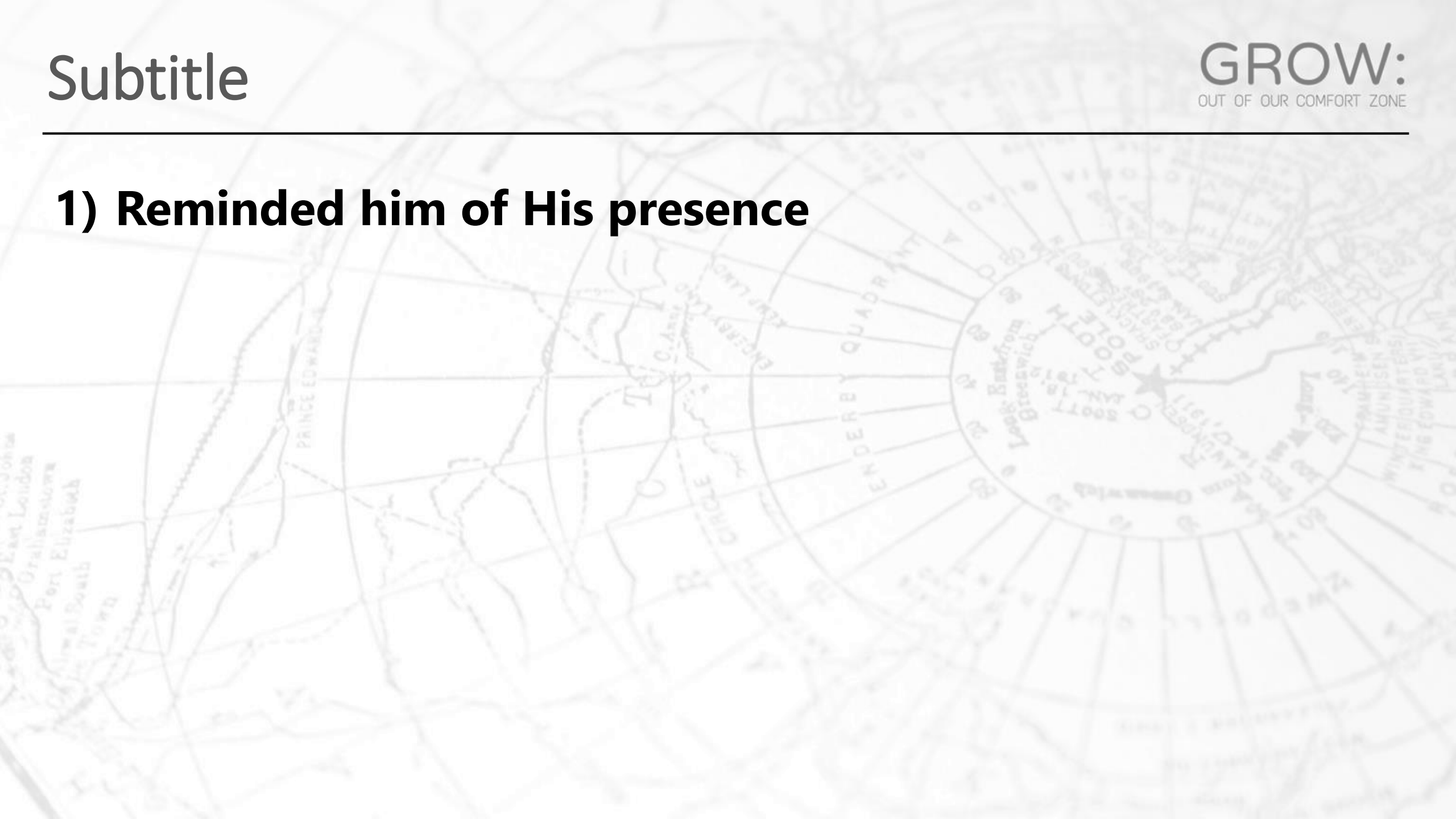
<sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent.<sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."

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**1) Reminded him of His presence**



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## 1) Reminded him of His presence

*The command* – *'Do not be afraid.'*

*The promise* – *'for I am with you.'*

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***“Presence driven life”***

***Jemima Ooi (missionary to Congo)***



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1) Reminded him of His presence

**2) Reminded him of His purpose**

## **Reminded him of His purpose**

### **Roman 10:14**

*How can they call on the one they have not believed in? and how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

## **Reminded him of His purpose**

What is the purpose of my life before Christ returns?

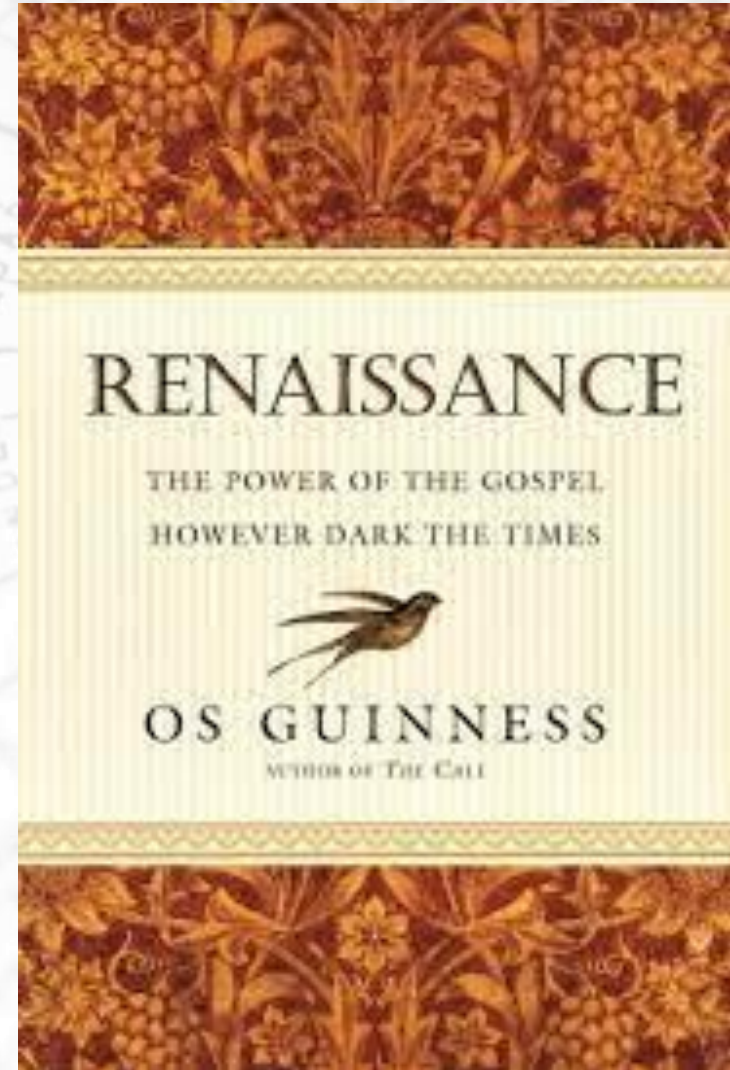
What is the purpose of the church before Christ returns?

## Reminded him of His purpose

*"The key to changing the world is not simply being there, but an active, transforming engagement of a singularly robust and energetic kind."*

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(Renaissance – the power of the gospel however dark the times)



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- 1) Reminded him of His presence
- 2) Reminded him of His purpose
- 3) Reminded him of His protection**

## Reminded him of His protection

### **Matt 10:19-20**

*"But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."*

## Reminded him of His protection

### **Eph 6:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

## Reminded him of His protection

### **The full armour of God;**

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace
- Shield of faith,
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God



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- 1) Reminded him of His presence
- 2) Reminded him of His purpose
- 3) Reminded him of His protection
- 4) Reminded him of His provision**

**Reminded him of His provision**

**Provided the right people at the right time;**

- 1) Aquila and Priscilla
  - *companionship and co-labourer*

## **Reminded him of His provision**

### **Provided the right people at the right time;**

1) Aquila and Priscilla

2) Silas and Timothy  
- *Financial assistance*

## **Reminded him of His provision**

### **Provided the right people at the right time;**

- 1) Aquila and Priscilla
- 2) Silas and Timothy
- 3) Titus Justus  
- *Alternate preaching platform*

## **Reminded him of His provision**

### **Provided the right people at the right time;**

- 1) Aquila and Priscilla
- 2) Silas and Timothy
- 3) Titus Justus
- 4) Crispus  
- *Gentile leader turned believer*

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## Reminded him of His provision

### Provided the right people at the right time;

- 1) Aquila and Priscilla
- 2) Silas and Timothy
- 3) Titus Justus
- 4) Crispus
- 5) Apollos  
- *Potential new teacher*