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It's Time for More
Acts 18:12-19:7

This morning I am probably biting off more than we can chew, let alone adequately digest. So pull up to the feast of God's word, tuck in your napkin and get ready for a five-course meal this morning. We are going to ignore all rules for proper eating etiquette and just shovel it in.

In Acts chapter 18:12 we have a couple of crumbs left over from the last meal, a couple of leftovers that are still in the refrigerator that are too good to throw out in the trash. Paul is in the city of Corinth, modern day Greece. He admits this is a weak time in his life. He is fearful, feeling inadequate for the task. At times alone and financially struggling. Most of us can relate to Paul here. V. 9 and 10 It's in the night of his fears that God appears and speaks words of truth, comfort and love. Paul...I am with you, don't be afraid. Keep on speaking...don't be silent. Keep doing the things that I have called you to be doing. I will provide for you exactly what you need for this moment. I know that you have been physically hammered on and taken a lot of beatings but I want to assure you that at least during this time while you are here in Corinth, I will protect you from harm. Paul open your eyes. There are many in this city that are on your team, and there are many more whom I have especially prepared to hear the gospel. They are out there Paul just waiting for you to speak what I've called you to speak.

Next crumb on the table starts in v.12. Let me read this humorous story of God's protection of Paul. v12-17 (READ). The Jews were very scandalized and upset by the message of the cross. Not unlike today with the surreal uproar over a movie in Aramaic and subtitles about a man that lived 2000 years ago and His passion; the obsessive love of Jesus for people and willingness to sacrifice his life, to be the whipping boy for you

and I, taking the punishment we deserve because of our sin. Taking it away so that we could live. The message of the cross was a stumbling block and they wanted the block far, far away. So a group of them banded together and hauled Paul down to the Roman Proconsul, head of the province of Achaia. They put him before the judgment seat or Bema seat as they called it. In fact the archeologist excavated the tribunal area and if you visit Corinth today, you can see the bema seat where quite probably the Apostle Paul stood in front of Gallio the proconsul. Gallio was the older brother of the famous Philosopher Seneca who at the time Paul was appearing in court, Seneca was busy back in Rome tutoring a young man named Nero. Who would become the next Emperor after Claudius. Gallio is mentioned several times in the literature of the day and was said to be a very just man with a gracious and mild personality. Here he seems quite impartial.

The Jews try to persuade Gallio that Paul is persuading people to worship God in a way that violates Roman Law. Gallio doesn't buy it and before Paul can even open his mouth in defense. Gallio swiftly throws it out of court saying Paul is not some vicious criminal you have made him out to be. He may be breaking your Jewish law but he is doing nothing against Roman Law. Take care of that yourself. This is not a court of religious opinion. Get out of here with your frivolous charges.

Score a big one for Paul and the spread of the gospel. This is an important to our story of Acts because now there is legal precedent established by a high Roman court that what Paul was preaching is now officially a legal Jewish sect, a part of Judaism. Gallio handed Paul an open freedom to preach the gospel in any city of the Roman empire without fear of being charged by Roman officials. This is a great win for the good guys. It must have been very encouraging for Paul to see God using secular government to protect and even help spread the gospel message. God can use what we at times think is unwieldy and impossible to do His work.

So now the enemy recognizes that they no longer have a legal leg to stand on in appealing to Roman law. They lost bad. They are mad. They were hoping to put Paul down and out. They want to hit someone. They transfer their rage to their leader. This was a guy named Sosthenes. He was the leader of the synagogue who took over that position after the former leader Crispus, came to a belief in Jesus Christ. So right in front of Gallio at the base of the Bema seat, the Jews are so angry they start beating up Sosthenes. You idiot! Do you know what this means. We tried for too much and now it backfired on us, now that Group we have been trying to snuff out has just been officially sanctioned by the government. They beat him up right in front of the judge.

God promised Paul protection and proved it by inciting the enemies to beat up their own leader instead of Paul. God is shouting out to Paul. Look. Look. I am with you. I'm here. Paul do you see how I've protected you? There are many who are mine in this city. Some people you would not even dream are mine, I have prepared.

Indeed even Sosthenes was one of God's chosen. If you flip to I Cor 1:1 "Greetings to Sosthenes our brother." That beating turned out to be the best beating of his life. It must have beat him enough to have his eyes opened to the truth of what was really happening and who really knew and lived the truth. I'm not sure I would want to include bludgeoning as one of the top biblical methods of evangelism, but it seems to work here. When the Jews turned against him and beat on him he decided their cause and venom wasn't so just and right after all and began to listen to the gospel message.

Many of us have a similar story. Maybe of us had to take a benevolent beating for us to open our eyes and see the truth. For many of us we had to go through a difficult time; a failed marriage, a financial loss, a crushed expectation, medical and health problems, a great sin and the consequences, children...in order to open our eyes and ears to respond to the truth. God knew what it would take for you to respond.

God knew what it would take for Sosthenes to respond and his timing was just right. God's timing is always right and now is always the right time to respond to him. God had something far better for Sosthenes and knew it would take a beating to open his eyes and heart. God has something bigger for you and I as well. What will it take for us to see that God has more for us?

In v. 18 you can read that Paul stayed in Corinth many days. With that promised protection I might have stayed even longer than the 1-1/2 years but Paul put the time to good use. It slowed Paul down enough to write and we are the benefactors of that. He wrote many letters to encourage churches and several we have today are two letters to the church at Thessalonica.

In v.18 there is a obscure reference added to the Bible. God wanted us to know about it. It says that Paul went to the barber and had his hair cut in Cenchrea right on the tip of the land before sailing to Ephesus. Why the mention? I've always kind of pictured Paul as a short bald guy, but he must have still had a head of hair at this time. V.18 says that Paul had been keeping a vow. Refraining from the hair cut was actually a Jewish way of saying thanks. It was a vow that for 30 days he would not cut his hair, but the growing hair would remind him to thank God for the protection, provision, and presence. Every time he reached for his Quatro razor, every time Paul looked into the mirror he was reminded that God provided him just what he needed for the moment...he was reminded that God was always with him.

Let that be a reminded of us this week. Each time soap up to shave your face, or legs or underarms, give thanks to God that He is with you no matter what you are going through. Give thanks that God will provide for you exactly what you need for the moment.

v.19 Paul sails to Ephesus. Often Paul would walk west and sail east because of the prevailing eastern winds and due to the shallow bottom boats and absence of rudder and only one sail, made it almost

impossible to sail and tack into the wind. Ephesus. Remember this was the place God has previously closed the door to when Paul wanted to go there. Now Paul gets the green light from God. Go to Ephesus. Maybe God has closed a door to an area, a ministry, a mission trip, an opportunity that you wanted to go to in the past but it closed. Hold that closed door loosely for God may open it right back up at another time down the road of your life. A closed door may simply mean wait a while I wants to set some things up for you first, I need to work on you He opens up Ephesus for Paul right here because the timing is right. God needed to set Apollos in place. He needed to train and prepare Aquilla and Priscilla. He probably needed to forge character into Paul, forge some traits that he really needed to have before coming into Ephesus. Then at just the right time the Divine Chess master brings all the pieces together moving them for the greatest effectiveness and advantage for the kingdom of Christ.

Look at v.20 they wanted Paul to stay longer in Ephesus but he walked away. He said I will return if the Lord wills. I'm not sure if Paul would have been able to walk away like that on the first missionary journey. He'd been rejected and beat on so much that when he finally found a group hungry for hearing the truth he would want to stay and teach and yet in Paul's weakness at Corinth, I believe God taught him a valuable lesson. God's ministry is not dependent on one superstar. In weakness we begin to realize that we simply cannot do it all ourselves. We need God and need God's people and we are only part of the body. All leaders in ministry will constantly be learning this lesson throughout their life. I certainly have had to learn this truth over and over again. It truly is not up to me whether it succeeds or fails. God's ministry and kingdom will go on without me and probably will flourish. Paul could step out of the way of this choice ministry opportunity in Ephesus and lets the different gifts of the body do their work. The whole body was

doing its work and using its gifts. Paul could step aside and watch the church of Ephesus grow and flourish without him.

V. 22 Paul go up to greet the church. Probably referring to going up in elevation to church in Jerusalem. Then back to the missionary sending church in Antioch. V.23 It says there he spent some time. We are not sure how long, but it was probably a time of rest and reconnect before it was time to head out again. It's subtle and you might miss it if you are not an attentive reader, but this v.23 notes the start of Paul's 3rd missionary journey. At the start of the first and 2nd mission trips the author makes it very clear, mentioning choosing of the mission team, the church sending them out. But here Paul heads out alone without much mention. He is going back to encourage and strengthen believers in the churches he has developed relationship with. As you read through Acts this seems to note a shift in focus. Prior to v.23 the journeys to establish churches and make a dent in the empire for Christ was the focus of Acts. Now the focus is not so much on the journey as on the building up and strengthening of churches and training of disciples. Now Paul wants the people to know the truth, respond and grow because of it.

Such is the case in two examples that we see in the next verses. It true in the case of a gifted man named Apollos and also true with a group of 12 men that Paul interacts with in the first 7 verses of chapter 19. These folks needed to know more and respond to the truth and grow.

Read with me Acts 19:24 to chapter 19:7 Some of the places folks have chosen to put in chapter breaks are unfortunate. This is one of them. I believe it would be better to break the chapter 19 after v.7 as these two stories flow together. So let me read them together. (READ)

V. 24 Apollos is introduced. Born in the learning center of Alexandria. A very gifted speaker. "mighty in the Scriptures". How would you like to have that on your tombstone? He was a passionate man, probably a guy that could light logic on fire. He was amazingly teachable which is rare quality in gifted leaders. I really like this guy Apollos. When

Priscilla and Aquilla heard him speak in Ephesus its easy to see they were impressed with his ability, his passion and heart for God and knowledge and handling of God's word, but could tell that he needed to get filled in about a more accurate way of explaining what God had done in the process of saving men and women. It was quickly apparent Apollos didn't know that God had enacted salvation through Jesus.

They may have wondered how to tell this gifted speaker? V.26 says they took him aside. Probably invited the preacher home for dinner and said something like; 'We were very moved by your teaching in the OT scriptures last Saturday. You know God's word very well. It has been a great blessing to us. We were wondering if you have ever heard whether the one you were speaking about, the Messiah the John said was coming. Have you ever heard that One did indeed come as promised? Apollos may reply a bit surprised; "What do you mean the Messiah "has come". Did I miss something? Am I out of the loop here? Aquilla may have replied. You know all about John the Baptist and responded to his ministry. He preached that he himself came only to announce the way. John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah. John was pointing to one who would come after him who was so far greater then he, not even worthy to untie his sandals. John baptized Jesus and when He did and the Holy spirit came down out of heaven, a voice from heaven said, "this is my son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." John himself saw him coming and said "The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Apollos I'm sure must have been amazed having only known the baptism of repentance. "Are you sure this is true? Tell me the evidence? The eyewitness accounts. And so this itinerate seminary couple Aquilla and Priscilla went on to explain the amazingly good news about Jesus. Apollos was obedient in the baptism of repentance and taught the truth that John preached in looking forward to a soon coming Messiah, that's

the truth of Jesus. But he didn't yet know the meaning of the cross and power of the resurrection and pouring out and filling of the Spirit.

Picture the time in our countries history, toward the end of 18th century, 1700's many colonist left Virginia and stated through the mountains to settle the valleys that lay far to the west. Fear of Indians, death of a horse, a broken down wagon all things that forced many to stay in the mountains. For over 20 years many of these settlers saw no white men at all, until a group of travelers straggled into their neighborhood. As the conversation drifted to the outside world nearer the coast. They mountain people were asked what they though of the new republic and policies of the continental congress. The others answered. "I'm not sure what you are talking about? We have not heard of a congress or republic. They still thought of themselves as loyal subjects to the British King and had not heard of George Washington or the Revolutionary war.

It appears that after coming into contact with the teaching of John the Baptist Apollos and probably also the 12 men Paul spoke with in the first of chapter 19 became spiritual Rip Van Winkles. "No... we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." It doesn't mean that they knew nothing of the Spirit, simply that they didn't know that the promised Spirit had come in power. They didn't know that God had something far more for them. So Aquilla and Priscilla taught Christ. I love the teachability on the part of Apollos. That tells me there is always room to grow in God's word.

Paul to the 12 men preached Christ. And there was a kind of mini-Pentecost as people spoke in tongues and prophesied and there were visible signs that the power of the Holy spirit was indwelling. I was a sign that indeed the Spirit had come down to them in power. These people had responded to the truth that had been revealed to them by God...but now God wanted them to know there was more. God's timing was for

them to know that God had far more for them. It was time to grow in Christ and be filled and enjoy the continual filling of the Holy Spirit.

Here are two examples of people who believed in God but God said, There more you need to know. I have something more for you to respond to. I do not hear a chastisement here against Apollos. I don't hear Paul saying to the 12 men, "you've been bad, now shape up". No I hear God speaking through Aquilla and Priscilla to Apollos, "Its time, I have more for you." I hear God speaking through Paul, "Its time, I have more for you to experience in the Christian life"

I'm sure if I walked through the congregation this morning and asked each one of you individually, "Do you believe in God or even in Jesus" most of you would say "yes, I do". What then would be your response if I asked "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" Is the Spirit of God indwelling and full in your life? Are there some pretty obvious signs that the Spirit is in control of your life and working inside of you? Are His presence, his power, his working there? Is there a freshness and vitality and enthusiasm for following Christ, clearly visible to all who know you and what you are about? Are you really, really hungry for righteous things? Are some of the fruit of the spirit evident; patience, goodness, gentleness, self-control, faith, hope, love, peace...are these things increasingly the marks of your life? Is there a priority, an expectancy an anticipation that marks a strong faith and filling of the Spirit? If not...I'm afraid we must ask the question. Why not? For the filling of the spirit inside makes all the difference between sterility, deadness, dullness and religiosity and the full, fresh, vigor and enthusiasm of the Spirit-filled life.

Maybe you hear God whisper in your ear this morning. Not a load of guilt and you've been bad words; simply this. It's time...I want you to experience more of what I have for you. I want you to deepen in your faith and experiencing the power and presence of the spirit-filled life. Now is the time. I want you to have more.

What's the next step? Some this morning may have never responded to God's invitation to come and follow after him in belief and faith. Now is the time to repent and believe. It is belief and faith that releases the fullness of the power of the Spirit within. Col 2:6 "as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." Continue to live in him." Ephesians 4 "Walk in the Spirit...be continually filled with the Spirit." Some of you this morning are there. You have responded belief in God but you live and act like God isn't there, like God is not even close to a present reality in your life. Its like you have invited God to ride in your car and he's there in the back seat and you never talk to him, never ask his opinion. Sometimes I think you don't even want him to be apart of your life or watch where your going or hear what your saying. I want those of us there this week to practice the presence of Christ in our life and so continually be filled with the Spirit power and grace in a present reality. Picture Jesus sitting in your car with wherever you go.

Maybe some have lost their first love. In Revelation 2 The church at Ephesus is accused of leaving their first love they had for Christ. Remember what your relationship was like when you first dated? But now the marriage has grown old and cold and stale. Often I counsel those to remember their first love. What are some of the things that you did while you were dating that you enjoyed. Do them again. What are those things you did when you were first a new believers in Christ. Do them. God wants more for you, right now. Now is the time to enjoy the spirit-filled life and those who seek God, He loves to be found by you in a new and fresh way. Make a choice to pursue His heart and He will meet you there the feelings will always follow a decision of the will. It make take some time for them to catch up...but they will.

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v.12 The Jews banded together and put him on the judgment seat (Bema seat), the judgment or scale before Gallio, official proconsul of Achaia (the region) Older brother of Seneca who was still busy tutoring young Nero, one who would become emperor of Rome.

Accusation: This man is persuading people to worship God in a way that is against the law. (not Jewish law but Roman law.) but before Paul could open his mouth, Gallio through the case out of court. It sounds like this is something to do with your Jewish religious law not roman law. Important decision because now it meant that Paul was free to preach the gospel everywhere throughout the Roman empire without being

charged with breaking roman law. In the eyes of the Romans it was now officially a Jewish sect, part of Judaism. Paul now could preach in roman cities without difficulties from the officials. It set a legal precedent for several decades.

v.14 Paul is just about ready to open his mouth, and Gallio speaks. If Paul was some heinous, evil criminal I would put up with this accusation and listen. But this is just some points of disagreement with your own Law, book and religion. I'm not the one to judge in those matters. Don't waste my time with such frivolous matters. Get out of here I have far more important things to do.

v.17 So they (the Jews?) took hold of Sosthenes, another leader of the synagogue and started beating on him right in front of the judgment seat. You idiot. Do you know what this means? We tried for too much and lost. It backfired on us, now its just been officially sanctioned by the government. The venom meant for Paul was now directed at Sosthenes. Beat him up right in front of a Roman judge. Now the beating actually did him a lot of good I Cor 1 (Bludgeoning evangelism?)

And Gallio didn't even care or bother to stop the mayhem that was in his court.

Gallio: impartial, aloof, failure to recognize the importance of message. Interesting I cor 1:1 greeting to sosthenes our brother" is this justification for beating a method of evangelism. Evidently when the Jews turned against him it opened his eyes to the truth.

v.18 Paul left Corinth by sea and headed back toward Antioch. He brought along his new friends Priscilla and Aquilla.

In Cenchrea, on the tip of land just before heading out to open sea. he had a hair cut???? Why mention Pauls visit to a barber? Numbers 6:1-21 reference to a Nazarite vow abstaining from wine and a hair cut. Integrity below the water line of life

What was the vow?

I always pictured Paul as a short balding man. Long hair hippy????

It was not a vow to do something in ones own strength. It was a thanks affirming what God has done through him.

Actually it was a Jewish way of giving thanks to God. A religious vow for 30 days that we would not cut his hair but the growing hair would remind him to thank god and worship him. He probably fasted during this period and refrained from certain foods. At the end of 30 days he had fulfilled his vow and cut his hair. It was simply a Jewish way of giving thanks.

v.19 God sends him now to a place that had previously been a closed door; Ephesus. The time was right now. One of the great things about closed doors is that they are not closed forever. God sometimes uses a closed door to send us in a contrary direction, but then as we go in life we may find that very door open up to us again.

Again he entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. They wanted him to stay longer but he was compelled to return to the home church.

Here we see Paul's humility they may have wanted this spiritual powerhouse to stay Paul you're the greatest. Stick around here and this church will go some place. You're our man please stay. But he returned a simple no. He was confident that Q and A could do a good job without him. He stepped out of the way and let their efforts flourish. The work in Corinth grew without him. The work in Ephesus grew without him. The church doesn't run on superstars. It was never intended to. Eph 4. It the whole body serving one another with their God given gifts. That is what God wants from the body of Christ.

v.21 If the Lord wills I will return and headed to Antioch.

With travel on the land so slow and hazardous you would think most would travel by ship when they could. The prevailing wind was from Rome to Alexandria. One could travel those 1000 plus miles in 10 to 20 days. But against the prevailing wind was exasperating. The ships were shallow bottom, had no rudder and only one sail and could not sail into the wind. So Paul often walked west and sailed east. Passenger ships were rare but cargo ships took passengers when there was room. Furnish own food and a stray wave could take out any fire. Plus live coals could do quite a bit of damage to a wooden ship. No cabins. So they lived on the deck with the rest of the crew exposed to wind rain and sun, (Life Change series p.159)

v.23 Paul spent a good deal of time there in Antioch but then it was time to head out again and he went back out to the Galatian and Phrygian regions to strengthen the disciples. Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Psidian Antioch, then back down to Ephesus.

Its tricky to see where the 2nd missionary journey ends and the third one begins as they seem to run together here in chapter 18. Why isn't the division of the journey as distinctive here? I think that Luke is shifting the interest in the journeys themselves to the establishing of churches. Which building up the churches is the primary

reason for Paul's third journey. Luke demonstrates that a very strong effective church is being built up in Ephesus.

v.24 Apollos is introduced. Born in Alexandria. Eloquent speaker, he was "mighty in the scriptures". He met up with Paul in Ephesus.

He was fervent in spirit.

He had been taught in the way of the Lord and was teaching accurately the things about Jesus...but he only knew about John's baptism

v.26 When Priscilla and Aquilla heard him they were probably very impressed with his passion, heart and giftedness but knew that he needed to get filled in about a more accurate way of explaining what God had done in Jesus. So they privately taught Apollos about Jesus death and resurrection. How shall we tell this gifted man? Lets invite him over for dinner. You know we were very moved by your teaching from the OT last Saturday. You know it well. What a blessing. But we wondered whether who have heard that the one you were speaking about has come? Apollos what do you mean "has come" John came only to announce the way. That's true, John the B was the forerunner of the messiah but the messiah came. As a matter of fact it was John who pointed him out. He baptized him that said Look the lambo of God who takes away the sin of the world". Apollos probably replied "is this true? What evidences do you have? And so they went on to explain the life of Jesus, the death the resurrection the eye witnesses.

I think Apollos knew accurately what the Messiah was to do and then said the time is here, The Messiah is about to come. What he didn't know was that Jesus had come.

Tt: There is always room to grow in God's word. Apollos. Learning and fervor are valuable gifts, but not in themselves enough to be Christian workers. We must know Jesus Christ. Knowledge of the Bible stories is not enough. You must know Jesus personally. Could be true of you. Maybe gone to church your whole life but never know him

TT: All different kinds of people are needed in Christ's work. Paul planted, Apollos watered. A and Q taught and trained behind the scenes out of the public eye.

TT: if you lack workers for Christ where you are at...pray about it ask God for help to send. Matt 9:37-38

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask Lord of the Harvest to send out worker into his harvest field." Paul probably prayed about the need and the answer came from surprising places and people. God provided.

Boice: Illustr. P316 about Hugh Latimer the bishop who was presented the gospel by a young little monk.

Paul continues in ministry later v.11 spent 1-1/2 years in teaching ministry. Dragged before the courts accused. Headed back to Antioch. V.23 He has finished his missionary journey. He does it again. "He spent some time"

The difficult times are also from the hand of God. In the middle of a difficult time God sent Paul 4 words of encouragement. He sends them to me as well.

Religious people who have not yet experienced the reality of Christ life.
19:2

Apollos was a man "mighty in the scriptures", An eloquent man; and a man of passion. Lit "boiling" Jones calls it "logic on fire" He had been a disciple of John the B and was obedient in baptism of repentance, he was looking for the coming messiah. But he didn't know about the meaning of the cross or the power of the resurrection or the pouring of the HS at Pentecost.

I Cor 3:5,6 apparently there were some who knew both Paul and Apollos preferred appolos. But neither men would have any of it as Paul write. "the Lord assigns each to his task. I planted. Apollos watered but the Lord causes the growth."

Hughes p. 249 Early Americans who were stuck in hills for 20 years never heard about the continental congress or British had been defeated, they kept living as though they were loyal British subjects of the crown. Kind of a spiritual rip van winkle.

"no we have not even heard of a holy spirit that empowers and indwells. That doesn't mean they didn't know anything of the Holy Spirit. For the HS came on Jesus when he was baptized and John taught the Messiah would baptize believers with the Spirit and with fire. They simply did not know that the promised Spirit had come.

Pro "before" Phaino "to shine" Prophecy to illumine. To shine.

John 7:37 Jesus stood and said in a loud voice. " If a man is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whomever believes in me, as the scripture has said. Streams of living water will flow from within him. By this he meant the Spirit." Then the men praised God which is always a sign that the HS is at work.

How can we appropriate and maintain the work of the HS in the life within us/ When the HS release his fullness in our lives through faith, ongoing faith. Belief then releases the fresh power of the HS within us. Col 2;6 “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him. “ keep on believing in him so you will demonstrate the life of the HS in you. When there is no evidence of the work of the HS in our lives, no power no joy, no grace then we are not believing in him. (Stedman and Hugnes)

Three types of Christians in our churches today.

- 1) Those who need to believe. They have not yet received Jesus or the HS. They may have some degree of intellectual belief. They may have even repented but have not yet met the resurrected Christ. They need to receive him by opening their heart to him, believe on him as their sole hope for salvation. Then he will pour out His spirit to them and they will know it.
- 2) There are committed Christians who need to keep on believing which means they need to continually receive the Holy Spirits grace and power.
- 3) Also Christians who used to believe. They need to take up the advice given to the church of Ephesus in the book of revelation “Remember the height from which you have fallen. Repent and do the things you did at first. Remember repent and return to your first love.

The church today needs a fresh shot of vitality injected by the HS.