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## Acts 19:1-41



Paul is now traveling through Ephesus. He continues to spread the truth about Christ Jesus boldly. Paul encounters obstacles but he perseveres in his mission. Through his perseverance, a church is established in Ephesus even with great opposition. Paul never fights the opposition directly. Paul points out what is wrong but God allows the correction to move in God's timing and terms.

### Acts 19:1-10

Paul left Apollos in Corinth and traveled to Ephesus. He finds disciples who had not received full power. Paul guides them in the baptism of the Holy Spirit providing a way for them to grow in ministry and mission. When Paul encounters an obstacle he does not stop. Paul finds another avenue and keeps preaching and teaching.

**How do we understand the source of our power?**

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## **How do Paul's actions speak to us about finding alternative ways to spread the Gospel?**

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### **Acts 19:11-20**

The extraordinary miracles that God worked through Paul caught the attention of 7 sons of the high priest, Sceva. These sons were not following God as their father was doing. Instead, evil spirits were working in them to move them toward being false prophets. The outcome for them was not good but their example saved other people.

## **Have you ever seen God use something negative in someone else to help turn your life around?**

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### **Acts 19:21-27**

Men who crafted false gods were concerned because business dropped off. Demetrius was the leader of those opposed to Paul. We see the same today.

## **How do we handle opposition to the Gospel?**

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### **Acts 19:28-41**

Artemis was one of those false gods. She was considered a twin sister of Apollo and was a goddess of hunting, wilderness, protector of unmarried girls, and promoter of fertility. In their anger a crowd looked for Paul, but instead, they grabbed two of his associates and began to cause a disturbance. Their actions did not stop the church at Ephesus from being planted.

## **Where should we plant churches today? What is planting?**

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