

**God is in Control**  
**"The Life of Paul" episode 26**  
**Acts 18:1-17**

"Corinth had become a prominent city-state in the southern Greek province known as Achaia ... 80,000 people with an additional 20,000 in nearby rural areas.... strategic location near an isthmus, which enabled sailors to drag boats across a small strip of land rather than sailing around the dangerous coastline of southern Greece ... In Paul's day, it was probably the wealthiest city in Greece and a major, multicultural urban center. Every two years Corinth played host in its massive stadium to the Isthmian games ... second only to the Olympics... A large theater seating 18,000 and a concert hall which would hold 3000 regularly brought drama and musical entertainment....

"The massive hill overlooking the town, somewhat reminiscent of Stone Mountain outside Atlanta, or to a lesser extent Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, housed on its summit a temple to Aphrodite, goddess of love.... one thousand cult prostitutes ... the Greek word meaning 'Corinthian girl' came to be a slang term for a loose woman." Craig Blomberg, *1 Corinthians*

"The city of Athens was the city of human wisdom;  
the city of Corinth was the city of God's sovereignty." Zane Hodges, *Acts*

**GOD IS IN CONTROL WHEN...**

☞ ... you feel 'plutoed'. 1 Cor. 2:3      v. 9

☞ ... government turns tyrant. v. 2      Luke 2:1-5

☞ ... you're forced to \_\_\_\_\_ . v. 2

☞ ... Cory hears the gospel. v. 10

☞ ... \_\_\_\_\_ people happen. v. 12-17

The Christian response:   d     v   v. 21