

# Night Vision

Acts 18:1-17

## When Paul was in Corinth...

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith.*

— 1 Thessalonians 3:7

*I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.*

— 1 Corinthians 2:3; see also 2 Corinthians 10:1, 10

## God's word to faithful but fragile servants:

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Exodus 3:11-12; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 91; 118:6; 139:7-12;  
Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5

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Luke 8:15; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1-2

## Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Draw on this graph two lines: a solid line depicting your external circumstances during the past month, and a dotted line depicting your emotional state during the same period.



2. Do you think godly people are more or less prone to depression and fear than irreligious people? Why? What passages of scripture influence your perspective?
3. To what extent do you think the truth of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 and 2 Corinthians 7:6 has seeped from your head into your heart? What experiences have helped you to feel God's compassion?
4. In which of the following passages does the Spirit of God speak most personally and powerfully to you—Joshua 1:9; Psalm 118:6; Psalm 139:7-8; Isaiah 41:10; or Hebrews 13:5? (Try to memorize this verse this week!)
5. In what area of well-doing are you most often tempted to quit? What truths do 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Galatians 6:9 communicate about that aspect of your life?