

# Corinth

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## WELCOME - ICE BREAKER:

When were you the most afraid in your life? Did it turn out worse than you feared or better than you feared?

***Important Note:*** *Not all questions have to be asked and not everyone has to answer every question asked.*

## WORSHIP - OPENING PRAYER and PREPARATION

Psalm 37:1-8

Spend some time in prayer thanking, praising, and adoring God.

## WORD

Acts 18:1-11

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One of the primary causes of fear is uncertainty and the inability to control the circumstances around us. What were some of the uncertain circumstances that might have caused fear in Paul's life?

*Do not give the answers. Rather, give the verse and ask for possible answers.*

*Areas of uncertainty:*

- 1. Political Uncertainty 18:2b*
- 2. Financial Uncertainty 18:3*
- 3. Religious uncertainty 18:6*
- 4. Ministry Uncertainty 18:7*
- 5. Divine Presence Uncertainty 18:10*

What does fear do to us emotionally?

What does fear do to us physically?

What does fear do to us socially?

What does it do to us spiritually?

How did Paul adjust to uncertainty and change?

He adjusted his ministry focus and approach. 18:7

He adjusted his vocation. 18:5

He leaned on godly friends. 18:5

He partnered with other like-minded people. 18:2-3  
He adjusted his living arrangements. 18:3, 7

What is the importance of Jesus *commanding* Paul NOT to fear and *asking* Paul not to fear?

Have you ever considered you fear might be disobedience?

What do you currently fear?

How does the command not to fear affect how you will deal with these uncontrollable and uncertain life situations?

What was the result of his obedience? 18:11

## WORSHIP - PRAYER

Take request and pray.

## WORKS

### **Please discuss the following items:**

**Home Sweet Home:** While you were away, cruising the majestic sights of the Mediterranean, some very dedicated individuals were preparing for your arrival back Home. What better way to extend your trip than joining us for a tasty Home-coming "**Group Link**" in the Cafe area before both services on Sunday, August 12th. Come enjoy a waffle with the topping(s) of your choice, and share your favorite Mediterranean memories with members of local Home Groups. A new adventure awaits you by joining a Home Group today!

**Welcome Home:** Aloha!!! A post-trip feast has been prepared in your honor to celebrate our return from this summer's Mediterranean Cruise. Your last Port of Call will be Hawaii for a **Luau** taking place at a Home Group location near you, during the week of August 19th. For details or to sign up, please visit the "**Home Sweet Home**" **Group Link** on Sunday, August 12th, or stop by the Home Group Kiosk in the Lobby for Home Group Details.

Hello Everyone!

Thanks for your dedication to your Home Group and the last Group Link which was a tremendous success. I just wanted to share with you an idea for another group link which can be set up for August 12th before the first and second services, and gauge your level of interest in participating in this event.

The theme of the group link will be "Home Sweet Home". Each Home Group has the opportunity to decorate a table in the cafe area with items from their home(s) and supply and serve waffle toppings to program attendees. (waffles supplied by the church, toppings can include anything from fruit (pie fillings), whipped cream, ice cream, peanut butter and chocolate, marshmallow fluff, etc...be creative!!!)

Also at the table, you will have the opportunity to sign people up for a Luau to take place within each of the group's home meeting place starting on Sunday August 19th. There is a great web site to help plan and divide up food, decorating and party activity responsibilities among members of the group:

<http://www.alohafriendsluau.com>

As we are in the process of building the Home Group concept at Center Pointe, this will be an outstanding opportunity to give your Home Group a tremendous amount of exposure within the church.

If your group is interested, please respond to Lori Steinborn with the following information:

1. Host Name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Date and Time of party
5. Please also verify the Day and Time your group meets if different from day of Luau.

Thanks for everything,

Pastor Spence