

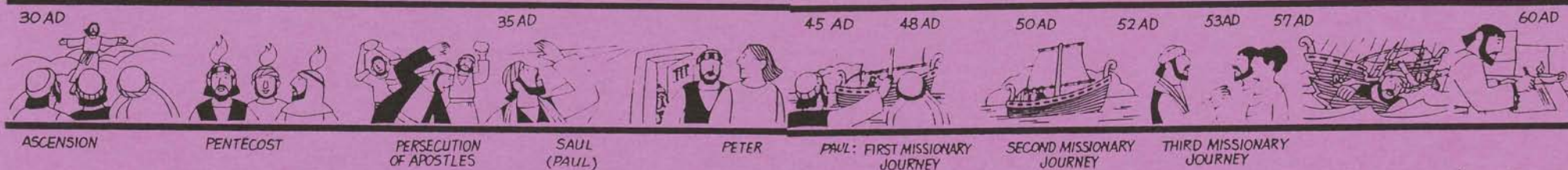
Day 3 RUN THE RACE WITH ENDURANCE
ACTS 16:1-3; 17:15; 18:5 II Timothy 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-18a

Memory Verse *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith;”* II Timothy 4:7

- Opening Session** Timothy shares his experiences with Paul. He has watched Paul live his life for Jesus and now he, Timothy, hopes to carry on Paul’s work. (Missionary.) Add to the Scriptures listed above Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; Hebrews 13:23 and I Timothy to get a picture of this relationship.
- Church Meeting** Elders will have their church share what they have heard in the Opening Session. Also talk about what had impressed them most the past two days in learning about the Early Church.
- Storyteller** We will learn about Timothy’s relationship with Paul. Paul wrote two letters to Timothy to encourage, warn, instruct, and to *“Guard , through the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”* II Timothy 1:14 Paul was a “big brother” to Timothy. *“Be strong ...be diligent. To present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”* II Timothy 2:1;15. We also see that we need each other!
- Theater** *The Visual Bible*, ACTS, Volume III. Luke tells of Paul and Barnabas, the healing of the lame man, the stoning of Paul, his Macadonian vision, Paul and Silas in prison, the jailer converted, returning to Lydia’s home in Philippi, and on to Beroea . Acts 14-17:31 Perseverance!
- Church/synagogue** To run the race with endurance one must be equipped. Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:10-18a about the equipment we need- the *“...armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm...”* We will learn about the pieces of this armor: Belt of truth, Shield of Faith, Sword of the Spirit, Breastplate of Righteousness, Helmet of Salvation and Footwear of the gospel of peace. PRAY in the Spirit on all occasions!

The results of a Christian running the race for God? *“in the future there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day...”* II Timothy 4:8

When Events Happened



Sequence of Events in Paul's Life after His Conversion

*There are differing opinions on these dates. For continuity's sake this chart will be the basis for dates pertaining to Paul's life.

Year A.D.	Event
33-34	Conversion, time in Damascus
35-47	Some silent years, except we know that Paul: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spent time in Arabia and Damascus 2. Made first visit to Jerusalem 3. Went to Tarsus, Syria-Cilicia area 4. Was with Barnabas in Antioch 5. With Barnabas took relief to brethren in Judea—Paul's second visit to Jerusalem 6. Returned to Antioch; was sent out with Barnabas by church at Antioch
47-48	First missionary journey: <i>Galatians</i> written(?)
49	Apostolic Council at Jerusalem—Paul visits Jerusalem (compare Acts 15 with Galatians 2:1)
49-51	Second missionary journey: <i>1 and 2 Thessalonians</i> written
52-56	Third missionary journey: <i>1 and 2 Corinthians</i> and <i>Romans</i> written
56	Paul goes to Jerusalem and is arrested; held at Caesarea
57-59	Appearance before Felix and Drusilla; before Festus; before Agrippa
59-60	Appeals to Caesar, sent from Caesarea to Rome
60-62	First Roman imprisonment: <i>Ephesians</i> , <i>Philemon</i> , <i>Colossians</i> , and <i>Philippians</i> written
62	Paul's release; possible trip to Spain
62	Paul in Macedonia: <i>1 Timothy</i> written
62	Paul goes to Crete: <i>Titus</i> written
63-64	Paul taken to Rome and imprisoned: <i>2 Timothy</i> written
64	Paul is absent from the body and present with the Lord (Others put Paul's conversion about A.D. 35, his death in A.D. 68.)