

# Acts 18:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

'He departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.' The third missionary journey began with revisiting established churches. 'Strengthening' indicates continued pastoral care, not just initial evangelism.

## Historical Context

This strengthening tour through previously established churches shows Paul's concern for ongoing discipleship. These Galatian and Phrygian churches had been founded during the second journey.

## Related Passages

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

1. Why is follow-up and strengthening as important as initial evangelism?
2. What does systematic visitation teach about pastoral care?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ποιήσας χρόνον τινὰ ἐξῆλθεν διερχόμενος  
And after he had spent time some there he departed and went over  
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καθεξῆς τὴν Γαλατικὴν χώραν καὶ Φρυγίαν  
in order of Galatia all the country And Phrygia  
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ἐπιστηρίζων πάντας τοὺς μαθητάς  
strengthening all G3588 the disciples  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 14:22** (Parallel theme): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

**Acts 16:6** (Parallel theme): Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

**Acts 15:41** (Parallel theme): And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

**Acts 15:32** (Parallel theme): And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

**1 Thessalonians 5:14** (Parallel theme): Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.