

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

Psalms 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

καὶ	ποιήσας	χρόνον	τινὰ	ἐξῆλθεν	διερχόμενος
And	after he had spent	time	some	there he departed	and went over
G2532	G4160	G5550	G5100	G1831	G1330
καθεξῆς	τὴν	Γαλατικὴν	χώραν	καὶ	Φρυγίαν
in order		of Galatia	all the country	And	Phrygia
G2517	G3588	G1054	G5561	G2532	G5435
ἐπιστηρίζων	πάντας	τοὺς	μαθητάς		
strengthening	all		the disciples		
G1991	G3956	G3588	G3101		

Additional Cross-References

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.