

# Joining the Movement

Acts 17:1-10 (Learning from Paul Series)

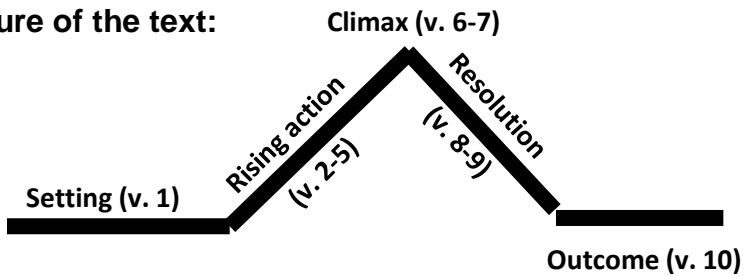
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## Context:

- Why Thessalonica? (Acts 16:8-10)
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ directed to Macedonia
  - 2) Capital of Macedonia
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ starting and sending point
- Started in Philippi (Acts 16:11-40)
  - 1) “Leading city” of the Macedonian territory
  - 2) No synagogue; they met by a river or sea.
  - 3) Looked for \_\_\_\_\_ people
  - 4) The Lord brought people to salvation
  - 5) Opposition arose
  - 6) The pattern continues!
  - 7) A surprise – loving the \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation
  - 8) \_\_\_\_\_ the believers then left.
- Thessalonica had its own troubles and the pattern was the same as everywhere else (Acts 17:1-10)
- Charlatans infested the Roman world seeking \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:
  - Paul would have been assumed to fit into this category in every new town.

- He had precious little time in each town for this reason
  - He had to be \_\_\_\_\_ in choice of towns
  - New believers had to become strong \_\_\_\_\_
- The Thessalonian believers, having endured \_\_\_\_\_ with Paul, held a special place in his heart.

**Structure of the text:**



**Author's emphasis:**

The Thessalonian believers were 100% ready to follow Jesus through persecution.

**Main idea for his audience:**

Believers must live in \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel regardless of the cost to them personally.

**Application:**

What kind of things may need to be given up/ changed?

- ✓ Beliefs must be submitted to Scriptural authority
- ✓ Old ways of thinking and believing
- ✓ Old priorities
- ✓ Old habits and lifestyle choices

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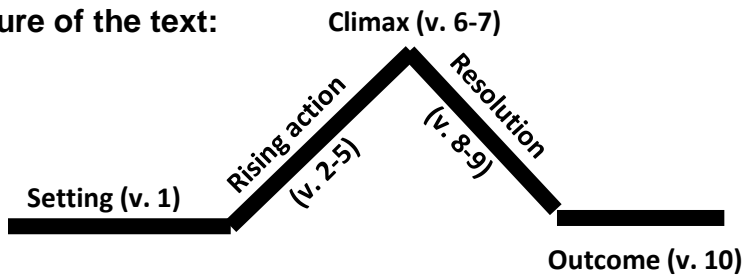
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## Context:

- Why Thessalonica? (Acts 16:8-10)
  - 4) **Holy Spirit** directed to Macedonia
  - 5) Capital of Macedonia
  - 6) **Strategic** starting and sending point
- Started in Philippi (Acts 16:11-40)
  - 9) “Leading city” of the Macedonian territory
  - 10) No synagogue; they met by a river or sea.
  - 11) Looked for **praying** people
  - 12) The Lord brought people to salvation
  - 13) Opposition arose
  - 14) The pattern continues!
  - 15) A surprise – loving the **persecutor** to salvation
  - 16) **Encouraged** the believers then left.
- Thessalonica had its own troubles and the pattern was the same as everywhere else (Acts 17:1-10)
- Charlatans infested the Roman world seeking **glory** and **money**:
  - Paul would have been assumed to fit into this category in every new town.

- He had precious little time in each town for this reason
  - He had to be **strategic** in choice of towns
  - New believers had to become strong **evangelists**
- The Thessalonian believers, having endured **persecution** with Paul, held a special place in his heart.

### Structure of the text:



### Author's emphasis:

The Thessalonian believers were 100% ready to follow Jesus through persecution.

### Main idea for his audience:

Believers must live in **total surrender** to the Gospel regardless of the cost to them personally.

### Application:

What kind of things may need to be given up/ changed?

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