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- Apollos humbly received their instruction (vss. 27-28).



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- "And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples." (Acts 18:23)



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- "All who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10).



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- This exposed fraudulent exorcists!



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- Prom there he traveled 180 miles to Philippi. Here Titus brought word to him of the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 7:2-7; Acts 20:1).



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- When he arrived in Miletus, he sent for the elders of the Ephesian church (Acts 20:17).



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- Acts 20:6 marks the beginning of Paul's trip to Jerusalem.







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