# ACTS UNHINDERED

## Acts 19





### Acts 18:24-19:41

"UN-LIKED"

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

- John 15:18-19

"I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.""

- 1 Corinthians 15:31-32

How do we handle being "unliked" by others? "UN-LIKED" ACT

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Apollos, a native of Alexandria

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Insufficiency but Same Side

"With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel."

- 2 Corinthians 8:18

"For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ.""

- 1 Corinthians 1:11-12

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

- 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

"Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity."

- 1 Corinthians 16:12

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Bad Exorcism and Book-Burning

Imitation but not on the Same Side

"Ephesus was ... also a renowned center for the magical and occult arts – so much so, that papyri containing magical formulae and incantations were commonly called "Ephesian Letters."

- Dennis Johnson

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Demetrius a Silversmith

Business Wealth

Idolatry on the Opposing Side

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