

## **A Reason Not to be Afraid**

### **Acts 18:9-11**

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

### **Every Day with God**

Paul has left Athens and is now in nearby Corinth in Greece. He visited with Aquila and his wife, Priscilla. They were Jews from Italy who were told by Claudius that all Jews must leave. Aquila was a tentmaker as was Paul so he stayed with them. He worked with Aquila and preached in the synagogue.



Photo: Like Luther, we need not be afraid.

Paul had a hard time convincing Jews about Jesus so Paul spent more time with the Gentiles. One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him not to be afraid, but to keep on speaking and not to be silent.

This verse should remind all of us that we are not to be afraid because Jesus is always with us. He was born in a stable, raised by loving parents and then died so that we might live. Why would anyone who loves us so much abandon us? Jesus is always with us during good times and bad times; we can count on Jesus.

**Prayer:** I am glad that I can always count on you, Jesus.