

# LIKE THE WIND

A SERIES ON THE HOLY SPIRIT



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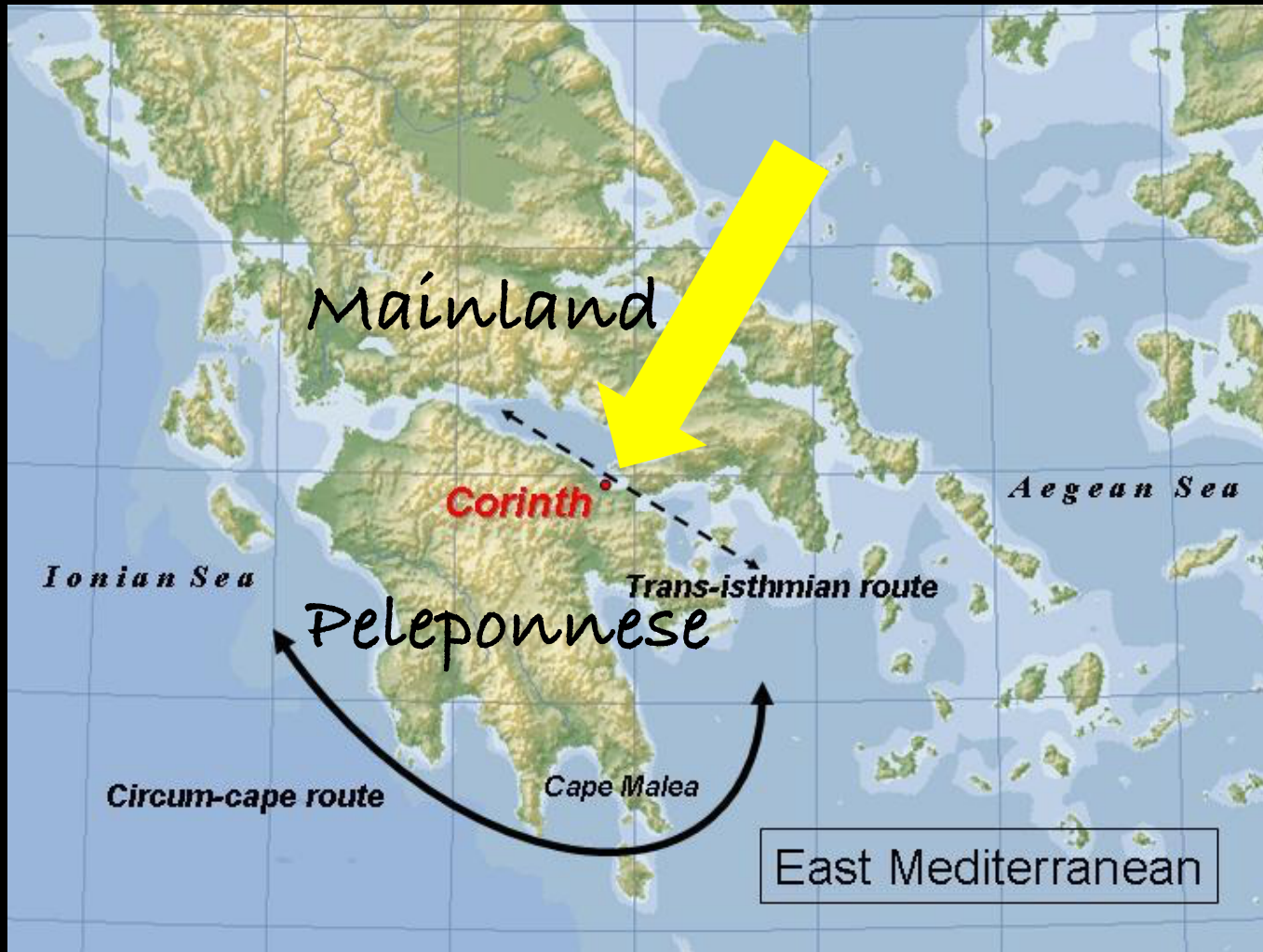
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Mainland

Gulf of Corinth

Diolkos

Lechaion

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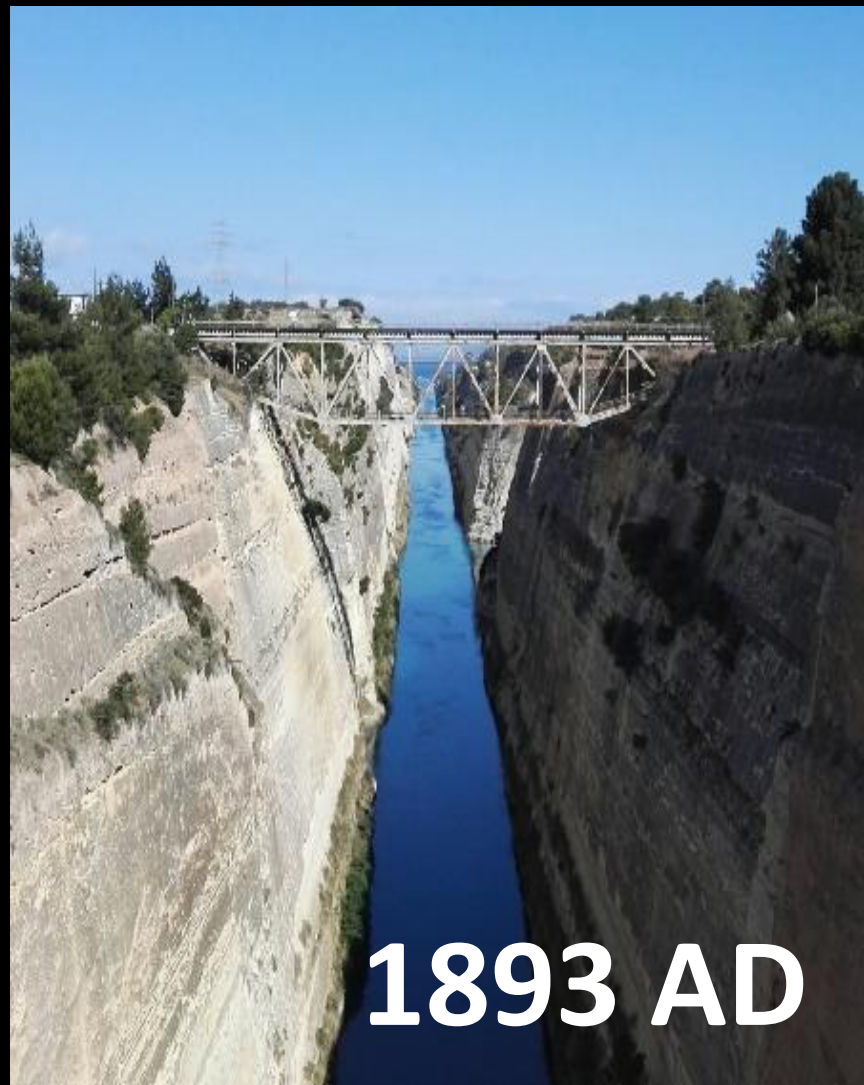
Cenchrea

Peloponnese





**600 BC**



**1893 AD**





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<sup>31</sup> ...it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



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- <sup>1</sup> "And when I came to you brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.
- <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
- <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,
- <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
- <sup>5</sup> that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



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- <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,
- <sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?
- <sup>4</sup> For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not being merely human?



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**Hyperetes:** “under-rowers”, subordinates under orders



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# I Corinthians 2 & 3

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**a maturity that understands that  
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offer the kingdom of God, and the divisions  
we create in our immaturity deeply violate  
the majesty of our unity in Christ.**



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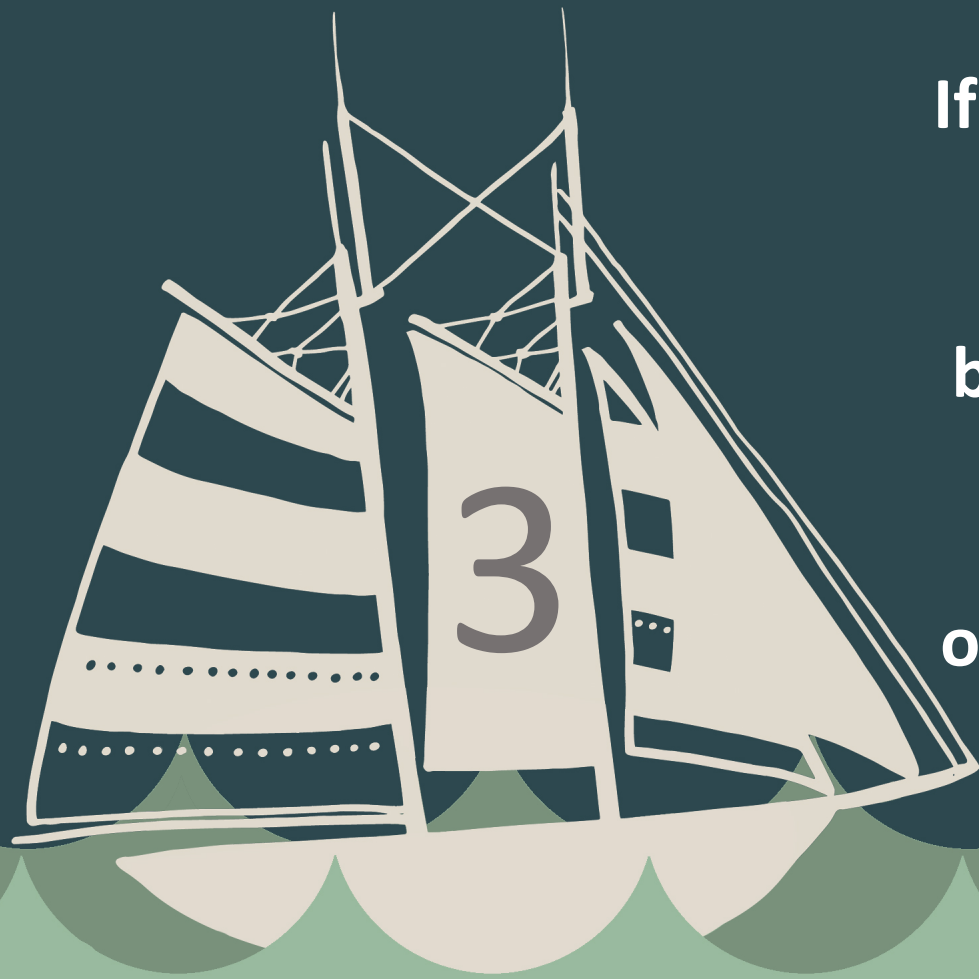
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*So.....therefore.....what now?*

If you are a Christian but are still living like the 'natural man', it is imperative that you grow in your relationship with Christ so that the Holy Spirit has rich soil in which to blossom.

So.....therefore.....what now?





If you are walking maturely with Christ, there is no room for division in the body of Christ. There is no room for the immaturity that defines so much of our lives and our churches.

So.....therefore.....what now?

*So...  
Today...*



*So.....therefore.....what now?*

*So...*  
*Today...*  
Where are you at?



So.....therefore.....what now?



*So...*

*Today...*

Where are you at?

Dead... who needs to  
reconsider where they  
are at in relation to  
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*So.....therefore.....what now?*



*So...*

*Today...*

Where are you at?

Defeated.. who needs to  
grow in their  
relationship  
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*So...*

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Where are you at?

Dangerous... who is living  
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