

The background features a soft, hazy sky with light clouds and a gentle snowfall. A vibrant rainbow arches across the middle of the frame. In the foreground, a dense line of evergreen trees is visible, their branches dusted with snow.

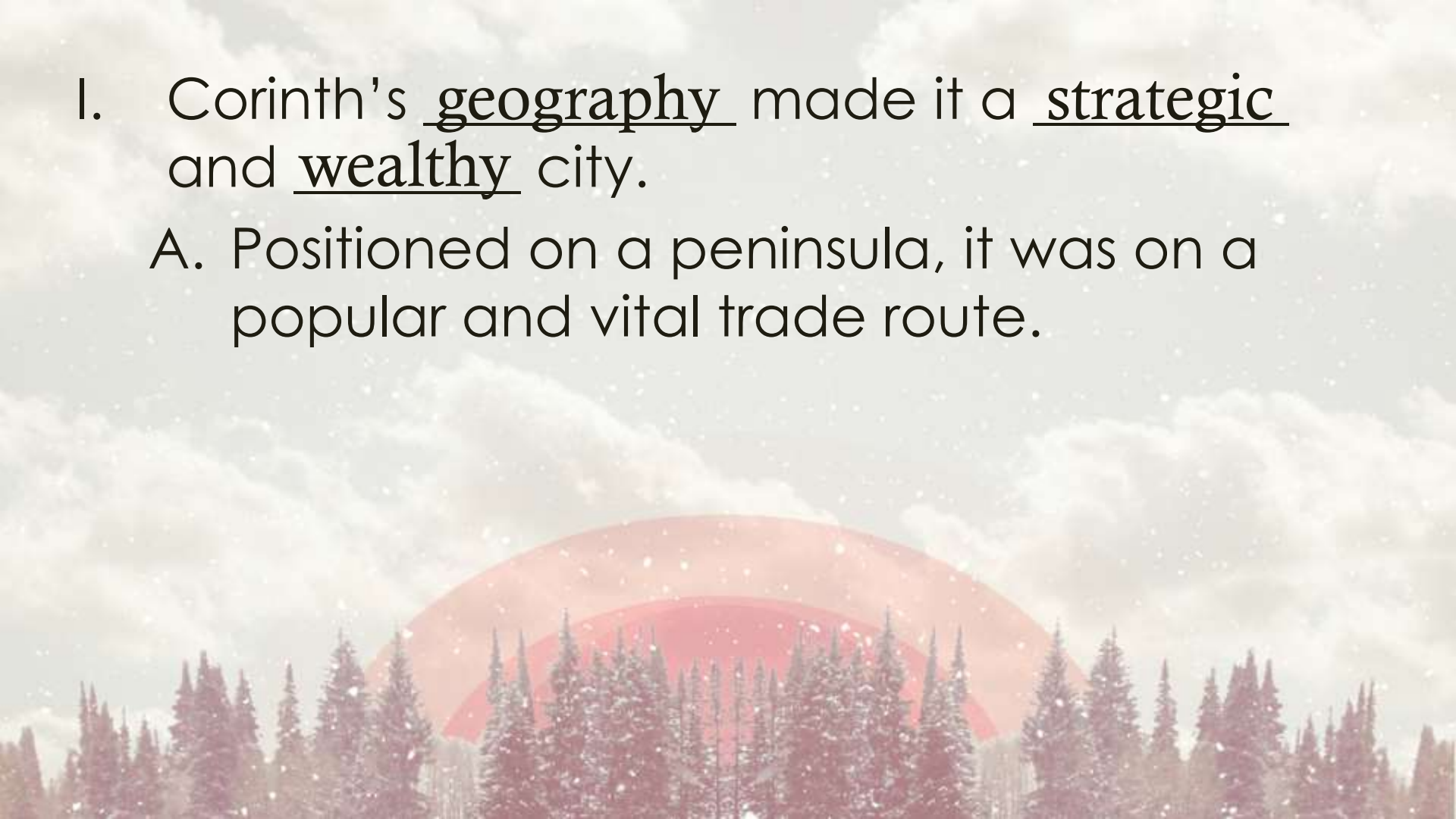
# Introducing

## 1 CORINTHIANS

People often leave or won't go to church today because they have been hurt, offended, or discouraged.

Paul (inspired by the Holy Spirit) writes to straighten out this confused and divided church.



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- I. Corinth's geography made it a strategic and wealthy city.
- A. Positioned on a peninsula, it was on a popular and vital trade route.





Euboea (Euboea)

Gulf of Corinth

Patras

Achaia

Corinth

Cenchrea

Athens

Peloponnese Peninsula

Kalamata

Ionian Sea



II. Paul had founded the church in 50-51 AD on his second missionary journey. (see Acts 18)

A. In just two short years, the wheels were beginning to fall off for the Corinthian church!



III. Paul begins his letter with grace and encouragement .

A. Reminds them of who he is–  
Apostle Paul!

B. Reminds them of who they are:

1. Church of God

2. Sanctified in Christ

3. Called to be saints– together !

III. Paul begins his letter with grace and encouragement.

C. Gives thanks to God for them

- Thanking God for the grace he has given them

D. Reminding them they are enriched with speech and knowledge

E. Reminds them that the testimony of Christ is confirmed in them



III. Paul begins his letter with grace and encouragement

F. Reminds them that they are not lacking in any spiritual gift

G. Reminds them that Christ will sustain them to the end, guiltless!

H. Reminds them that

GOD IS FAITHFUL!

HE  
Restores  
MY SOUL