

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Walking With God"
Acts 15:36-16:10
Study-29

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1. Verses 36-41 – Controversy

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1. Verses 36-41 – Controversy:

Acts 15:36

Acts 15:1-35

Acts 15:37

Barnabas – Acts 4:36 "son of comfort"; Apostle Acts 14:14; His name is mentioned 25X in Acts and 5X in the Epistles.

Acts 4:36

"was desirous" – Literally "kept on insisting" Col 4:10

Acts 13:2

Acts 15:38

"But Paul kept insisting" – "to think or to meet, fit, right to judge worthy, deem, deserving" (The verb is in the imperfect tense, indicating the discussion went on at length)

Acts 13:13

There are 2 things that Paul sights as an issue:

1. John Mark's Desertion: "who had deserted them in Pamphylia" – The word deserted – "fell away, like an apostate missionary"
2. John Mark Had not done the work: "had not gone with them to the work."

Acts 15:39

“sharp disagreement” – (Contention, exasperation, Irritation); Literally “a fit, a violent sharp and convulsive experience.”

Acts 11:25-26 – Barnabas was the one that sought out Paul for Ministry

Two opposite men with opposite ways:

Barnabas – was called “son of encouragement.”

Heb 10:24

Paul – was a right and wrong person delivered out of religion

Heb 12:15

2 Tim. 4:11

Acts 15:40

“But Paul chose Silas” – Born a Hebrew and a Roman citizen, made for such a mission – Acts 16:37, a Prophet – Acts 15:32; probably spoke Greek – Acts 15:22, 32; He wrote for Paul 1, Thess 1:1-2; Barnabas great loss Silas was a great gain.

Second Missionary Journey of Paul, Acts 15:41-18:22

Acts 15:41

2. Verses 1-3 – Companion:

Acts 16:1

“And behold,” – “an expression of great surprise!”

Timothy – Name means “Dear To God”

Timothy – 17X in 10 of the Epistles

Timothy witnessed Paul’s sufferings in Lystra, 2 Tim. 3:11

Paul called him “my son in the faith”, 1 Tim. 1:2;

Phil 2:19-22

2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15

Acts 16:2-3

2 Tim. 2:1-2

Paul's Motto: 1 Cor 9:19-23

3. Verses 4-10 – Communication:

Acts 16:4

Acts 15

Acts 16:5

Growing Spiritually – “So the churches were being strengthened in the faith,”

Growing Numerically – “and were increasing in number daily.”

The forth summary in Acts of the growth and work: Acts 6:7; 9:13; 12:24, and here Acts 16:5

Acts 16:6

It is wisdom when we can recognize a closed door versus an open door! Both are found in the believer's life.

Acts 16:7

Acts 1:8 – “even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 16:8-9

Macedonia – the Balkan Peninsula; Macedonia is across the Aegean Sea.

Deut 8:3

Acts 16:10

Concluding – “to bring together, to put together in ones mind.”

“we sought to go” – We are now joined by Luke, we, us (the author of Acts); “we” rather than “they.” Doctor Luke joined them at Troas. Acts 20:6-7

Application:

1. Graham Scroggie said "There are times when the Barnabas-like should be severe, and there are times when the Paul-like should be tender."
2. It is wisdom when we can recognize a closed door versus an open door! Both are found in the believer's life.
3. Our basic need is the basic historic, spiritual need that all of mankind has need of the Gospel.