

Living on Mission: The Great Adventure - Acts 13:4-52
Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading

Notes from the Sermon

If someone offered a group of believers a great adventure that guaranteed all who took the trip would be filled with both joy AND the Holy Spirit, would you sign up? Who wouldn't want to be first in line?

Have you ever been on a mission trip? A trip where there was nothing on your agenda every day except serving God and his purpose? Where 100% of your time each day was working for His eternal kingdom? Many mission trips include meeting physical needs such as building or repairing churches, or distributing food to the hungry. This is beautiful work that honors God and helps attend to the "least of these". It also demonstrates the heart of Christ. These can be life-changing trips that have the added benefit of helping a believer grow in their faith.

But what about the work of meeting spiritual needs? You know... sharing the Gospel by preaching Jesus? Providing eternal life-saving good news that their sins can be forgiven to anyone that will listen? Now that's a different kind of mission.

The story of the very first such trip begins in Acts Chapter 13. In this chapter, Barnabas and Saul are sent out from the church in Antioch for the sole purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus. And WOW!... what a GREAT ADVENTURE!

Along the way they are summoned to the Governor's mansion in a Roman province where immorality reigns supreme, confronted by a false prophet/sorcerer, and preach to a whole city only to be run out of town by the most religious people there! Yet, after all that, they were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit!

What can we learn from this text about living EVERY DAY on mission in a lost world? Barnabas and Saul provide an outstanding example of how we can live on mission. There are several truths we can draw from this text:

To live on mission daily we must:

1. Be prepared! Remember you were created on purpose for a purpose! And that purpose is to know God and to make God known, for His glory and our good! Preparation also means prayer. Before Barnabas and Saul set out on their great adventure, the scripture tells us they prayed and fasted. If we are going to live on mission every day should begin with prayer to prepare for whatever the Holy Spirit has in store for us.
2. Be Bold! Barnabas and Saul Submitted to the Spirit's leading without delays. They took bold action to leave on this trip not knowing how they would be received or treated. When confronted by a false prophet, Saul boldly stood firm and the results were a Roman leader found Jesus! We need to learn how to be bold with our faith, not relying on our own strength but on the Holy Spirit.
3. Trust God for the results! This text shows us clearly that some people will be interested and open minded enough want to hear about the Gospel. Some will openly and vigorously oppose the Gospel, and some of these people might be extremely religious by our culture's standard. And finally, some people will embrace the Gospel! We must always remember that we cannot save anybody! It is only through the Holy Spirit that people come to faith in Christ. Our job is to live out our purpose and make Christ known! And if we live on mission every day, just know that every once in a while, we may have to "shake the dust off our feet" and in the words of Steven Curtis Chapman, "leave long-faced religion in a cloud

of dust behind!".

Living on mission every single day truly is living out The Great Adventure! For some old school adventure music, check out Steven Curtis Chapman's Great Adventure... a great song that is now 30 years old!!!

Bible Reading for the Week

Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Kings 5	2 Kings 6	2 Kings 7	2 Kings 8	2 Kings 9	2 Kings 10	2 Kings 11

Reading from this past week: Acts 11:19-30, 12:24-25, 13:1-3

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Acts 14:1-18

Family Worship

Song - *Rejoice*

<https://youtu.be/7Qy1iXZU2g>

Gospel Project

Unit: King David

Story: God is good to give grace

Big Picture Question: What is grace?

Answer: Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

Scripture: Psalm 51

Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Verse: Jude 3

New City Catechism

Question #31: What do we believe by true faith?

Answer: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our

Scripture

Acts 13:4-52

- What does it mean for me to live on mission in my world/culture?
- How can I be better prepared to live on mission every day?
- How should I expect people to react if I share my faith with them?
- How should I deal with rejection when I share my faith?

Prayer

*Pray and continue to ask God to give us favor as we move ahead on the building..

*Pray for the Elk Trails neighborhood

*Pray that our church would love the mission God has given us.